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ABSTRACT

Prepared under contract with the International Council on Archives (ICA), this guide provides descriptions of all classes of public records held by the British Public Record Office (PRO) which are likely to contain scientific or technical information. The PRO is responsible for keeping and making available to the public those records of the British central government and of the courts in England and Wales which have been selected for permanent preservation. (Records of the courts of law are excluded from this guide.) The descriptions are grouped into three parts: Civil Government, Defense, and Overseas. Within each part, the record classes are grouped in subject categories and subcategories with a brief account of government involvement in each subject area preceding the class descriptions themselves. Subject categories within the Civil Government section include: scientific and industrial research; agriculture, fisheries, and food; environmental, building, public health, and medical services; transport and communications; trade and industry; fuel and power; and social and economic sciences. Within Defense, the subjects include: strategy and planning; arms, fortifications, and supplies; land forces; naval forces; air forces; and medical services. Within Overseas, subjects include: foreign affairs and colonial affairs. A list of Public Record Office Handbooks is appended. This guide is intended to indicate the extent to which government archives contain information on a variety of subjects and to serve as a model and an example for other countries which are still unaware of the unique information resource represented by their government's archives. (THC)

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PREFACE

The Division of the General Information Programme of Unesco, in order to better meet the needs of Member States, particularly developing countries, in the specialized areas of records management and archives administration, has developed a long-term Records and Archives Management Programme - RAMP.

The basic elements of the RAMP programme reflect the overall themes of the General Information Programme, and thus includes projects, studies, and other activities intended to :

1. Promote the formulation of information policies and plans (national, regional and international).
2. Promote and disseminate methods, norms and standards for information handling.
3. Contribute to the development of information infrastructures.
4. Contribute to the development of specialized information systems in the fields of education, culture and communication, and the natural and social sciences.
5. Promote the training and education of specialists in and users of information.

The present study, prepared by Dr. Michael Jubb under contract with the International Council on Archives, is intended to indicate the extent to which government archives not only document functions and activities of the public administration but also contain a wealth of information on a wide variety of subjects. Most of the information originates within the country itself and reflects the collective and unique experience of that country. This information should therefore be available to and used by those responsible for the formulation of national policies and plans, especially those involving economic and social development. This guide is intended also to serve as a model and an example for other countries which are still unaware of the unique information resource represented by their government's archives.

Comments and suggestions regarding the study are welcomed and should be addressed to the Division of the General Information Programme, UNESCO, 7 place de Fontenoy, 75700, Paris. Other studies prepared under the RAMP programme, a list of which is included at the end of this study, may also be obtained at the same address.

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I INTRODUCTION

The PRO and its Holdings

The Public Record Office is responsible for keeping and making available to the public those records of the British central government and of the courts in England and Wales which have been selected for permanent preservation. These records now occupy over eighty miles of shelving at the Office and range from the Domesday Book of 1086 through the records of the medieval Exchequer and of the seventeenth and eighteenth century secretaries of state to modern departmental files and computer tapes.

It must be emphasised that the Public Record Office is not the apex of a national archives service. It plays no part in the selection and preservation of the records of Parliament, of local government authorities, of most nationalised industries or of non-government institutions. The status of the records of many organisations closely connected with government but not formally part of it - commonly termed "quangos" - is often the cause of some doubt. Many are not public records under the terms of the Public Records Act 1958 and are not preserved in the Public Record Office.

The Public Record Office was founded in 1838, when the Public Records Act established for the first time a centralised organisation for the care of public records - a definition at first confined to the records of courts of law. But the Office soon began to take in the records of some government departments and this procedure was regularised by an Order in Council of 1852. At first, those government departments which chose to transfer records to the Public Record Office decided themselves what they transferred and what access they permitted. Public Record Office Acts of 1877 and 1898 authorised the destruction of records which did not merit preservation, and destruction schedules drawn up under these Acts are available in the Public Record Office. The Report of the Committee on Departmental Records in 1954 (Cmd. 9163), followed by the Public Records Act 1958, established the system for dealing with departmental records which we operate today. The Act laid down for the first time a definite period - set at thirty years - within which records of historical value should be transferred to the Public Record Office. It also fixed a period of fifty years - reduced to thirty by the Public Records Act 1967 - after which records should normally be open to public inspection.

Thus in general, records transferred to the Public Record Office are made available to the public thirty years after the date of the last entry in them. But departments can apply to the Lord Chancellor for variations to be made to this rule. Extended closure, usually of fifty or seventy-five years, is used for three broad categories of records:

(a) exceptionally sensitive papers, disclosure of which might endager national security;

(b) documents containing information supplied in confidence, disclosure of which would constitute a breach of faith;

(c) information about individuals, disclosure of which would cause distress or danger.

There is further provision in the Public Records Act 1958 for departments to retain those records selected for permanent preservation for which they have a continuing administrative need. Such records are not available for public inspection.

Accelerated opening before thirty years is used where records have been available to the public before transfer to the Public Record Office (usually because it has been published) and unpublished evidence presented to Committees and Royal Commissions is now generally made available upon publication of the report.

By no means all public records are held in the Public Record Office. Many series of records created locally and of largely local interest are preserved in local record offices appointed by the Lord Chancellor as places of deposit for specified series of public records. Most National Health Service records are held locally in this way. In addition, some government departments and institutions such as the Post Office and many museums have been appointed places of deposit for their own records selected for permanent preservation. In both cases, the public has access to the records and lists are available in the Public Record Office as well as in the appointed place of deposit.

The Arrangement of the Records in the Public Record Office

Records are arranged in the Public Record Office in over 8000 classes, each representing an original series of files, volumes or papers which corresponds with the division of the work which produced it. Classes have traditionally been arranged in groups, according to the department which transferred them to the Office, and these groups denoted by mnemonic codes (from ADM for records transferred by the Admiralty to WORK for those transferred by the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works). The system of references used in the Office uses group letters and a class number - WORK26, for example, denoting a series of correspondence and papers transferred from the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works and its predecessors relating to purchases of land and contracts for the construction and maintenance of government buildings with artistic or scientific purposes. Within each class individual orderable items - usually with modern departmental records consisting of a file or a bound volume, but in the case of earlier records often consisting of bundles of loose papers - are called pieces, each again given a number. Thus WORK17/258 is the reference of a file of papers relating to the erection of the Chemical Research Laboratory between 1923 and 1930.

The more frequent transfers of functions between departments in recent years, and the creation of new departments, have made the assigning of classes to groups less satisfactory, since it depends on the accident of the precise time of the transfer of records to the Office. Many file series created in the Ministry of Supply in the Second World War, for example, are found in classes in the AVIA group, since they were transferred to the Public Record Office after the Ministry of Supply had become the Ministry of Aviation in 1959. Conversely, many classes in the SUPP group consist of files series created in that Ministry's predecessors, such as the Ordnance Board. Using meaningful letter codes has thus become increasingly misleading, and the Office is now using an arbitrary AB, AC, AD. . . sequence for newly-created groups. These codes have a broad relationship with a particular department - the AB group for records of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority and its prececessors, for example - but should not suggest an exclusive or comprehensive significance.

The Means of Reference to Records in the Public Record Office

The eight thousand classes of records in the Office vary a good deal in size as well as type: some have only three or four pieces while ADM1, the Admiralty and Secretariat Papers, contains 24,199 pieces and is still accruing. The basic means of reference to all the records in the Public Record Office are the class lists which list all the pieces in each class and provide the reference by which each piece can be requisitioned.

Like the classes, class lists vary a good deal, not least in the information they give. Some give no more than a list of dates or of file numbers; others, including nearly all those of records transferred since the 1950s give full descriptions of each file. Most lists are arranged in chronological order, but some are haphazard. Some are arranged under subject codes, and a few are indexed. In some cases, as, for example, with many Colonial Office records, the class list must be used in conjunction with an original register of papers or of files. These registers themselves constitute record classes, acting as means of reference to other classes. Some class lists have been published as Public Record Office *Lists and Indexes* or by the List and Index Society. Some series of records have been described in detail and indexed in published *Calendars*; few of these, however, contain much material of scientific or technical interest. But class lists are not the only means of reference to the public records. The *Guide to the Contents of the Public Record Office*, published in three volumes in 1963 and 1968 has become increasingly inadequate as more material has been made available under the thirty year rule. Since 1968 some three to four thousand new classes of records have become available, and existing classes have had extensive additions. A new *Current Guide* is now being produced in three parts, designed to cope with some of the problems of the arrangement of records. Part One, now nearing completion, gives an outline of the administrative history of each government department or other body which has transferred records to the Public Record Office. The outline administrative history deals with each branch or division of every department, with any regional or related organisation, and indicates the classes in which records of each branch can be found. Part Two gives general descriptions of the records in each class, arranged by group code and class number from AB1 to WORK51. Part Three is an index, the format of which is not yet finally fixed.

The Current Guide is available in loose-leaf and microfiche form and is and will be continually revised and updated.

There are in addition a number of published handbooks which describe the arrangement and content of records of particular departments, such as the Foreign Office, or those dealing with particular subjects, such as the three handbooks on Records of Interest to Social Scientists. A list of these handbooks is given in Appendix 1.

Scientific and Technical Records in the Public Record Office

The first problem in producing a guide to records containing scientific and technical information is one of definition. Clearly such a guide should include records created by scientists, engineers and the like in government service, but scientific and technical information can be found in abundance in records emanating from more "administrative" sources. To take an obvious example, technical information about ships, ordnance, equipment and machinery can be found not only in the records of the scientific and technical branches of the Admiralty, but in the records of the Board of Admiralty itself and its secretariat. Similarly, many series of Treasury records contain scientific and technical information, since the Treasury had to approve expenditure on scientific and technical projects. Nor can one assume that the information from such "administrative" sources merely duplicates that in more "scientific" ones. This guide has thus included information about such administrative records. But legal records, that is, the records of the courts of law, have been excluded from the guide. Such records undoubtedly contain much scientific and technical information, since scientists and engineers have been as litigious and as criminal as other groups in society, and cases have often turned on technical and scientific points. Such information is difficult to trace, however, since there are no classes of legal records which consist wholly or even largely of records containing scientific and technical information. Rather, such records are found incidentally among, for example, the papers relating to a particular case in Chancery or the Supreme Court of Judicature. It is thus not practicable to include them in a guide such as this.

The second problem, closely related to the first, is that records are arranged in the Public Record Office by provenance rather than by subject. There is thus no easy way to trace papers relating to chemical engineering, for example, or even to a more restricted topic such as water treatment. Such records can be found in a large number of classes in different groups. Further records in individual classes can be related to a bewilderingly large variety of subjects; large classes such as the registered files of the War Office (WO32) are not conformable to subject classification systems such as Dewey, UDS, BLISS or the Library of Congress. But it is clearly not possible in a short guide to provide information about individual pieces; a description of the information likely to be found in each class is the most that can be attempted.

For these reasons it is not possible to produce a subject-classified guide to scientific and technical records in the Public Record Office. Many classes of records contain information on a very wide variety of scientific and technical subjects, while some of those which deal with specific areas of work tend nevertheless to cut across conventional subject boundaries. Moreover, since the classes vary so widely in scope - from, for example, general series of Cabinet memoranda to reports from individual research stations - the specificity of the class descriptions varies widely also. Large classes which can be described only in general terms, however, often contain detailed scientific and technical information.

This guide thus provides descriptions of all the classes of public records likely to include scientific or technical information. The descriptions are grouped in what amounts to a compromise between a subject and a provenance classification. There are three parts: Civil Government: Defence; and Overseas. The commitment of civil departments to scientific and technical work began in earnest only in the nineteenth century; part II is nevertheless the largest in the guide, since the work has been spread among a large number of departments. The defence departments' records reflect an interest in scientific and technical matters from the sixteenth century onwards but, with a few exceptions, there has been little contact between the civil and the defence departments in scientific and technical work. The Foreign Office has long been concerned to collect information about scientific and technical developments overseas and its records contain a good deal of such information; in the days of the colonial empire the Colonial Office had a rather more active concern to promote scientific and technical development in the Colonies. Such work was again little related to that in civil defence departments at home.

Each part is independent, and information on many scientific and technical subjects can be found in all three. Where there is an overlap between defence and domestic matters, however, as for example in some Cabinet and Air Ministry series of records, the classes have been placed in part II (civil government). Within each part classes are grouped in subject categories and sub-categories. These correspond broadly but by no means exclusively with the government departments and other institutions which created the records. There is a brief account of government involvement in each subject area, followed by a list of class descriptions given in alpha-numerical order by group code and class number. The descriptions give the Public Record Office group code and class number; the class title; the date span of the class; the number of orderable peices (volumes, files, etc.) in the class; and a description of the records in the class. The date span and the number of pieces cover accruals to the end of 1982. The description includes references to any class of records, such as registers, subservient to the main class. These are not normally given a separate class description. The descriptions also include some cross-referencing. A note is added to the class description where there is any variation from the normal thirty-year rule for access. Finally, any published list or calendar of the class is noted.

This guide is very much a provisional one, presented with some diffidence. It is based solely on existing finding aids and further investigation will undoubtedly lead to modifications in many of the class descriptions which form the core of the guide. Much scientific and technical information remains hidden in "general" classes of records, some of which may have been inadvertently excluded from the guide. Further, new classes of scientific and technical records are constantly being transferred to the Public Record Office, and this guide is thus out-of-date before it is issued. Nevertheless, it is to be hoped that it will make those interested in seeking scientific and technical information from the past more aware of the sources available in the Public Record Office.

II CIVIL GOVERNMENT

1. CENTRAL DIRECTION OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: GENERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The central direction of domestic affairs has been the responsibility of a number of bodies whose records are included in this section. The Cabinet had begun to develop as a central policy-making body in the late seventeenth century, but before the appointment of a secretary to the War Cabinet in December 1916 it lacked formal agenda and no minutes of proceedings were kept. Such records as have survived of Cabinet and other major policy-making discussions are in private collections and, up to 1782, in the records of the Office of the Secretaries of State.

After the division of responsibility for home and foreign affairs between the two secretaries of state in 1782, the Home Office took over all functions relating to the internal affairs of the United Kingdom not assigned to other departments of state. It is thus now responsible for aliens and naturalisation; the penal system; the police service; control of explosives, firearms and dangerous drugs and poisons; electoral administration; civil defence; the fire service; and radio and broadcasting. But in the nineteenth century the Home Office developed many other responsibilities later transferred to other departments, notably in the fields of local government and health (including burials, the anatomy inspectorate, infant and child care, lunacy and mental health, the health sections of the Factory Acts, and the regulation of slaughterhouses and markets); agriculture and fisheries; industry and labour (including the inspection of factories and mines and workmen's compensation for injuries); and aerial navigation. The Privy Council Office similarly engendered several new departments in the nineteenth century, developing responsibilities for education, science and public health. Records relating to all these are in the general classes of Home Office and Privy Council Office records listed here, as well as in more detailed series of records listed under appropriate subject headings below.

The Treasury's responsibility for the control and management of public revenue and expenditure means that it has scrutinised the expenditure proposals of all government departments. Its records thus contain information about the whole range of government activity.

The Cabinet has become increasingly dominant in the formulation of domestic policy in the twentieth century and the papers prepared for it comprise the most valuable single collection of historical material that can be obtained from official sources. The material is usually in a condensed form and should be supplemented with more detailed information from relevant departmental and Treasury files. The records of Cabinet committees, however, are often more detailed. It should also be noted that some important issues were discussed and decided on not in the Cabinet but between ministers and the Prime Minister; information in such instances is in the records of the Prime Minister's Office rather than the Cabinet Office.

Section 1 lists general classes of records of the State Paper Office, the Home Office, the Privy Council Office, the Treasury, the Cabinet Office and the Prime Minister's Office. Included among the Cabinet Office records are the general series of War Cabinet memoranda (which include military as well as civil matters) and records of Cabinet committees dealing with home affairs.

Section 1.1 includes records mainly from the Metropolitan Police Office, dealing with police and criminal matters. The Metropolitan Police Force, unlike other local police forces, is directly answerable to the Home Secretary. Its records are thus in the Public Record Office, while those of other police forces are held in local record offices.

1. CENTRAL DIRECTION OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: GENERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Cabinet Office; Registered Files
1916-59 2372 files
A selection of registered files on various subjects dealt with by the War Cabinet. Subjects covered include agriculture, civil defence, communications, education, finance, health, defence, shipping, trade, transport, inventions, bacteriological warfare, camouflage, chemical warfare, air warfare, food, raw materials, production, economics, employment, atomic energy, and civil aviation. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] CAB21

Cabinet Memoranda to 1939
1915-39 288 volumes
The main series of papers circulated to the War Cabinet and Cabinet, together with subject indexes. Minutes or conclusions recording the decisions reached in Cabinet discussions of these memoranda are in CAB23. [Various papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB24

Home Affairs Committee
1918-39 24 volumes
Minutes and papers relating to the work of civil departments. Subjects covered include agriculture, armed services, contracts, defence, education, employment, energy, environment, finance, fisheries, geology, health, housing, incomes, industry, inventions, media, medicine, munitions, population, roads, sanitation, social services, statistics, trade, transport, weapons, and women. CAB26

Committees General Series to 1939
1915-39 663 volumes
Minutes and papers of Cabinet committees other than those arranged separately in the classes CAB26, 33, 39, 40 and 58. They deal with a wide range of domestic, overseas and defence issues. An index to Cabinet committees is available in PRO handbook no.17, The Cabinet Office to 1945 (HMSO, 1975). CAB27

Imperial Conferences to 1939
1917-37 137 volumes
Minutes and papers relating to Imperial Conferences on economic, political, military and communications matters. CAB32

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1. CENTRAL DIRECTION OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: GENERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Post War Priority and Demobilisation Committees
1918-19 26 files, etc.
Files and other papers relating to the programme for demobilisation after the First World War. CAB33

Photographic Copies of Cabinet Papers
1880-1916 162 volumes
Copies of memoranda circulated to the Cabinet to the end of 1916, covering a wide range of government business. Descriptive lists of these papers have been published as *List of Cabinet Papers 1880-1914* (PRO handbook no.4) and *List of Cabinet Papers 1915 and 1916* (PRO handbook no.9). CAB37

Economic Advisory Council
1925-39 208 volumes
Records of the Council, set up in 1930, and its predecessor, the Committee of Civil Research, which had been set up in 1925 to consider the development of economic, scientific and statistical research in relation to civil policy and administration. The records thus cover scientific research, including locust and tsetse fly control and dietetics as well as economic research and policy, including investigations into particular industries such as iron and steel and cotton. CAB58

Hankey Papers
1908-44 191 files and volumes
Papers accumulated by Lord Hankey during his career as secretary to the Committee of Imperial Defence and the Cabinet and as a minister during the Second World War. They include papers relating to oil supplies, food and nutrition, supplies to the Allies, tank[illegible] home defence and home warfare. CAB63

War Cabinet Memoranda: WP and CP Series
1939-45 67 volumes
Memoranda presented to the War Cabinet to May 1945 and the Cabinet, May-July 1945. Minutes or conclusions recording decisions reached in Cabinet discussions of these memoranda are in CAB65. [Photocopies of these papers, together with indexes, are available on open access. Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB66

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1. CENTRAL DIRECTION OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: GENERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

War Cabinet: Memoranda: WP(G) Series
1939-41 9 volumes
Memoranda of a more general and less secret nature than those in the WP series in CAB66 and thus more widely distributed. The series concluded in 1941. CAB67

War Cabinet: Memoranda: WP(R) Series
1939-42 9 volumes
Memoranda consisting of regular reports and returns by various government departments. The series concluded in 1942. CAB68

War Cabinet: Lord President's Committees
1940-46 34 pieces
Records of the Committees which were responsible for economic problems including trade and industry, transport, shipping, food and agriculture; from 1942 social services were added and the Lord President's Committee became pre-eminent in policy on the home front. In addition there are some related committee records, including those dealing with air raid damage and shelter policy and industrial matters. CAB71

War Cabinet: Home Policy Committee
1939-45 37 volumes
Records of the Committee set up in 1939 with responsibility for all domestic questions other than civil defence. These responsibilities were gradually taken over by the Lord President's Committee (CAB71). Also included are the records of related sub-committees. CAB75

War Cabinet: Committees, Miscellaneous and General Series
1941-47 39 volumes
Records of various ad hoc committees dealing with issues including supplies, manpower, health conditions in Europe, nitrate requirements, chemical warfare, naval construction, commerical policy, food and agricultural policy, oil, housing and civil aviation. A list of these committees is published in Annexe 11 of The Cabinet Office to 1945 (PRO handbook no.17). CAB78

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War Cabinet: Committees on Reconstruction
1941-46 107 files
Minutes and papers of committees dealing with reconstruction problems, including industrial reconstruction, housing and social insurance. CAB87

War Cabinet: Commonwealth and International Conferences
1938-45 40 volumes
Papers relating to various conferences, including those on technical liaison and munitions assignment. CAB99

Official War Histories: Civil
1939-45 878 volumes and files
Records relating to the production of the Official Civil Histories of the Second World War, including authors' typescripts, drafts and narratives prepared by research assistants, revisions and critical comments. Subjects covered include the war economy, production, civil defence, industry and trade, coal, raw materials, design and development of weapons, economic blockade, factories and plant, financial policy, food, inland transport, manpower, merchant shipping, oil, social policy and social services, supply, and works and building. CAB102

Supplementary Registered Files
1923-51 285 files
Registered files originally retained by the Cabinet Office because of their security classification. Subjects covered include defence planning, munitions and rearmament, and the scientific advisory committee. [Some files are closed for 50 years; others are retained by the Cabinet Office.] CAB104

Historical Section Files (AL Series)
1939-67 1207 files
A heterogeneous collection of papers acquired or created by the narrators and historians of the Section for the preparation of the Official Histories of the Second World War. It includes operational reports, statistical reports and digests and papers on important general developments. [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB106

Reconstruction Secretariat: Files
1940-44 272 files
Files concerned with the planning of various aspects of reconstruction including industrial reconstruction, engineering, building, transport, agriculture, aviation and economic questions. CAB117

1. CENTRAL DIRECTION OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: GENERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Lord President of the Council: Secretariat Files
1930-51 297 files
Files reflecting the work of the Lord President's Committee (see CAB71) including economic policy, trade and industry, and production. Further files relate to the Lord President's responsibility for scientific, industrial, medical and agricultural research. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] CAB123

Minister of Reconstruction and Lord President of the Council: Secretariat Files
1940-65 1355 files
Files relating to the co-ordination of post-war reconstruction and of civil scientific research, including nuclear research. CAB124

Private Collections: Ministers and Officials
1922-61 344 files
Papers of various ministers and senior officials deposited in the Cabinet Office. These include papers of Sir William Jowitt dealing with post-war reconstruction and planning; of Lord Cherwell dealing with technical warfare matters [these are retained by the Cabinet Office]; of Hugh Dalton relating to economic warfare [retained by the Cabinet Office]; of Sir Henry Dale relating to the work of the Scientific Advisory Committee; and of Lord Beaverbrook relating to supply matters in the Second World War. CAB127

Cabinet Memoranda from 1945
1945-51 48 volumes
Memoranda circulated to the Cabinet from 1945. Minutes or conclusions recording the decisions reached in Cabinet discussions on these memoranda are in CAB128. [Photocopies are available on open access. Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB129

Ad Hoc Committees: Gen and Misc Series
1945-52 71 volumes and files
Records of ad hoc committees established by the Cabinet. Subjects covered include atomic energy, economic planning, industry, employment, and food supplies. CAB130

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1. CENTRAL DIRECTION OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: GENERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Lord President's Committee and Sub-Committees

1945-56 128 volumes

Minutes and papers of various committees and sub-committees continuing the series in CAB71. They include papers relating to information and broadcasting, industrial productivity, technology and operational research, natural resources, and scientific policy. CAB132

Commonwealth and International Conferences from 1945

1945-56 149 volumes and files

Records relating to various conferences. Subjects covered include atomic energy, technical co-operaion and various economic, financial, trading, and industrial matters. CAB133

Cabinet Committees: General Series from 1945

1945-57 1190 volumes and files

Minutes and papers of various committees from 1945. Subjects covered include atomic energy, economic policy and planning, and various industrial matters. CAB134

Home Office: Domestic Entry Books

1782-1898 206 volumes

Entry books of out-letters relating to a wide variety of subjects, including many which were subsequently included in separate series of out-letters. Subjects covered include explosives, factories and mines. For explosives see also HO133 and 136; for factories see also HO87; and for mines see also HO95. HO43

Registered Papers

1839-1952 23967 boxes and files

The main series of Home Office registered papers, covering the whole range of its past and present duties, including the penal system; the police service; control of dangerous drugs, explosives, firearms and poisons; the census; the fire service; medicine, lunacy and mental health; agriculture and fisheries; factories and mines; and vivisection. Registers and indexes of the papers are in HO46. Lists have been published by the List and Index Society for 1871-1900 (vol.22); 1900-1909 (vol.23); 1910-1919 (vol.30); 1920-1922 (vol.39); 1923-1945 (vols.50, 84, 89, and 90). HO45

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Supplementary Registered Papers
1868-1947 23413 boxes and files
Registered papers from the same series as those in HO45 which have been closed to public inspection for 50, 75 or 100 years. HO144

Privy Council: Unbound Papers
1481-1946 4574 bundles, etc.
Papers, mainly of the eighteenth century, on a wide variety of subjects reflecting the functions and procedures of the Privy Council. The subjects covered include military and naval stores and public health (including the cholera epidemic of 1831). PC1

Prime Minister's Office: Correspondence and Papers
1916-40 443 files
Papers relating to a wide variety of government business, arranged under subject headings. These include agriculture; aircraft production; broadcasting policy; civil aviation; coal; electricity; oil; production; and transport. PREM1

Confidential Papers
1939-46 135 files
Papers relating to the work of civil departments in the Second World War, although there is some overlap with PREM3 (see section A.1). Subjects covered include agriculture; air; coal; health; oil; production; reconstruction; science; and wireless. PREM4

Correspondence and Papers
1945-51 1576 files
Papers relating to a wide variety of government business after the Second World War, similar to those for the prewar period in PREM1. Subjects covered include agriculture; aircraft production; atomic energy; aviation; biological warfare; defence research; food supplies; housing; production; radar; railways; and statistics. PREM8

Ministry of Reconstruction Records
1915-20 963 boxes and files
Records of the Ministry of Reconstruction, established in 1917, and of the two reconstruction committees of the Cabinet which preceded it, covering investigations and practical work on social, economic and industrial reconstruction schemes after the First World War. Other files were transferred to the departments which took over the Ministry's unfinished work. RECO1

CENTRAL DIRECTION OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: GENERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Domestic and Foreign State Papers: Henry VIII

Documents on both foreign and domestic matters received by the secretaries of state. SP1-SP2

General Series 1509-47	246 volumes	SP1
Folios 1516-39	20 volumes	SP2

Documents are calendared in *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII* (21 volumes).

State Papers Domestic

Documents on a wide variety of domestic matters received by the secretaries of state. SP10-SP18
SP29-SP37
SP43

Edward VI 1547-53	19 volumes	SP10
Mary 1553-58	14 volumes	SP11
Elizabeth I 1558-1603	289 volumes	SP12
Elizabeth I (Cases) 1558-1603	9 cases	SP13
James I 1603-25	216 volumes	SP14
Addenda, Edward VI to James I 1547-1625	43 volumes	SP15
Charles I 1625-49	542 volumes	SP16
Charles I (Cases) 1625-49	8 cases	SP17
Interregnum 1649-60	225 volumes	SP18
Charles II 1660-85	450 volumes	SP29
Charles II (Cases) 1660-85	7 cases	SP30

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1. CENTRAL DIRECTION OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: GENERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

James II
1685-88 5 bundles SP31

William and Mary
1689-1702 17 volumes and bundles SP32

William and Mary (Cases)
1689-1702 4 cases SP33

Anne
1702-14 38 volumes, etc. SP34

George I
1714-27 78 bundles, etc. SP35

George II
1727-60 163 bundles, etc. SP36

George III
1760-82 27 bundles, etc.
From 1782 this series is continued in HO42. SP37

Regencies
1716-60 128 volumes
Correspondence during the absences abroad of George I and George II. SP43

Documents in classes up to SP33 are calendared in the *Calendars of State Papers Domestic*. A calendar for SP34 is in progress. Documents in SP37 are calendared up to 1775 in the *Calendar of Home Office Papers, George III*.

State Papers Domestic: Channel Islands Correspondence
1571-1782 11 bundles
Documents relating to the Channel Islands received by the secretaries of state. SP47

State Papers Domestic: Isle of Man
1761-83 2 volumes
Documents relating to the Isle of Man received by the secretaries of state.
Calendared in *Calendar of Home Office Papers, George III*. SP48

State Papers Scotland
Papers relating to a wide variety of Scottish and Anglo-Scottish affairs. SP49-SP59

Series I: Henry VIII
1509-46 9 volumes SP49

Series I: Edward VI
1547-53 5 volumes SP50

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1. CENTRAL DIRECTION OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: GENERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Series I: Mary 1553-58	1 volume	SP51
Elizabeth I 1558-1608	71 volumes	SP52
Mary, Queen of Scots 1568-87	23 volumes	SP53
Series II 1713-46	48 bundles	SP54
Border Papers 1558-1603	42 bundles	SP59
State Papers Ireland Papers relating to a wide variety of Irish and Anglo-Irish affairs.		SP60- SP63
Henry VIII 1509-46	12 volumes	SP60
Edward VI 1547-53	4 volumes	SP61
Mary 1553-58	2 volumes	SP62
Elizabeth I-George III 1558-1782	480 volumes	SP63
Treasury Board Papers 1557-1920	12626 volumes, bundles, and boxes	

Original correspondence and reports of the Board, relating to all aspects of government income and expenditure. Papers relating to proposed expenditure often give a good deal of information, some of it scientific and technical, about projects to which they relate. There are, for example, papers relating to Babbage's calculating machines. Registers of the papers from 1777 are in T2 and T3 and subject registers from 1852 are in T108. From 1921 see T160-64. Records up to 1745 are calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Papers* and the *Calendar of Treasury Books and Papers*. Lists of pieces 319-64 and 365-88 have been published by the List and Index Society, vols.120 and 125. T1

Treasury Out-Letters

These classes are of entry books of out-letters up to 1885 and thereafter of bound press copies or carbons of letters sent. The

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(continued) earliest out-letters are in two general classes, T27 and 28, but from 1849 a number of subject and departmental classes were formed. From 1920 draft out-letters are on subject files in the classes T160-64. The letters, like the original correspondence in T1, cover the whole range of government income and expenditure: in effect the whole range of government activity. In the following list only those classes likely to contain scientific or technical information are included. T5-T154

Admiralty 1849-1920	58 volumes	T5
Colonial Affairs 1849-1921	44 volumes	T7
Corporations 1849-1913	22 volumes	T8
Privy Council (including the Science and Art Department and the Boards of Trade, Agriculture and Education) 1793-1922	44 volumes	T9
Customs 1667-1922	137 volumes	T11
Foreign Office 1857-1920	47 volumes	T12
Home Office 1835-1920	31 volumes	T13
Ireland 1669-1924	112 volumes	T14
North Britain 1707-1856	40 volumes	T17
Post Office 1850-1920	57 volumes	T19
Stationery Office 1849-1921	20 volumes	T20
War Department 1855-1920	63 volumes	T24
Woods and Forests (including Office of Works) 1773-1920	47 volumes	T25

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Works and Public Buildings	1852-1920	34 volumes	T26
General	1668-1920	260 volumes	T27
Various	1763-1885	113 volumes	T28
Agriculture and Fisheries	1914-1920	4 volumes	T109
Air Ministry	1918-21	3 volumes	T110
Temporary Commissions	1914-20	7 volumes	T114
Development Commission	1914-22	2 volumes	T115
Board of Education	1914-21	2 volumes	T116
Ministry of Food	1917-21	2 volumes	T117
India Office	1914-25	2 volumes	T120
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research	1919-27	1 volume	T125
Ministry of Labour	1917-21	4 volumes	T126
Local Authorities	1914-22	2 volumes	T127
Local Government Board	1914-19	2 volumes	T128
Mint	1914-24	2 volumes	T130
Ministry of Transport	1919-22	1 volume	T131
Ministry of Munitions	1915-21	10 volumes	T132
Ministry of Health	1919-20	1 volume	T154

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Supply Files
1905-61 1402 boxes and files
Files, created after 1920, of the Supply Divisions of the Treasury covering matters such as accommodation and supplies, including those for the armed forces. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] T161

Chancellor of the Exchequer's Office: Miscellaneous Papers
1792-1960 2095 files, etc.
Files from the Chancellor's Office on a wide variety of fiscal subjects, records of deputations and conferences. T172

Development (Public Utility) Advisory Committee
1929-39 86 files
Files relating to applications for government aid in the development of electric, gas, transport, and water supply undertakings. T191

1.1 POLICE AND CRIMINAL MATTERS

Metropolitan Police: Office of the Commissioner Correspondence and Papers
1799-1977 9506 files
Papers relating to the organisation and work of the Metropolitan Police. In addition to papers dealing with crime and criminals in general, other papers deal with accidents; air navigation and aircraft; animals; clothing and equipment; drugs; firearms and explosives; medical services; statistics; telegraphs, telephones, and wireless; and traffic control. Lists of piece numbers 1-4000 and 4001-8632 have been published by the List and Index Society as vols.138 and 146, respectively. [Some papers are closed for 50, 75 or 100 years.] MEPO2

Office of the Commissioner: Correspondence and Papers, Supplementary Series
1830-1974 3152 files
Papers covering subjects similar to those described under MEPO2. [Records closed for 75 or 100 years.] MEPO3

1.1 POLICE AND CRIMINAL MATTERS

Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure
1978-81 81 files
Papers of the Commission established in 1978 to examine whether changes were needed in the powers and duties of the police relating to the investigation of criminal offences, the rights and duties of suspect and accused persons, and the process of and responsibility for the prosecution of criminal offences.
[Much of the evidence submitted to the Commission is open immediately.] BS12

2. SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH: GENERAL

Before 1914 there was little government effort towards the practical application of discoveries made in fundamental research and no organisation concerned with the application of science to industry. The needs of the war effort in the First World War provided the impetus to the establishment of such a department and a Committee for Scientific and Industrial Research was established in 1915. It was assisted by an Advisory Council and various advisory committees. A fund of £1 million (the Million Fund), administered by the Imperial Trust, was set up to encourage the formation of co-operative research associations. A new Department of Scientific and Industrial Research was established in 1916. The Advisory Council and Imperial Trust were replaced by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research in 1956, and the Department itself was wound up in 1956, when its functions were dispersed to a number of other government departments.

The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research was responsible for encouraging and developing scientific and industrial research in universities, colleges and other institutions and for establishing and developing its own research organisations. The Department was responsible for research neither in matters related to defence nor in some civil areas, including aviation, atomic energy, agriculture, health and medicine and meteorology, which were the responsibility of other bodies. It absorbed or created, however, a number of research organisations and laboratories, including the National Physical Laboratory, the Chemical Research Laboratory, and the National Engineering Laboratory and the Hydraulics Research Station. Records relating to the work of the Department as a whole, the "subject"-based laboratories mentioned above, and the Warren Spring Laboratory, which undertook a very wide and miscellaneous field of research, are listed in this section. Records relating to the work of research stations and laboratories with more limited and practical objectives are listed under the appropriate subject heading in the sections which follow. This section also lists the records of Cabinet committees dealing specifically with scientific matters; records relating to astronomy and the Royal Greenwich Observatory; records relating to police and criminal research; and records relating to computers and data protection.

Section 1 lists classes of records relating to scientific and industrial research in general, including information distributed to industry.

Section 2.1 lists classes of records relating to chemical research.

Section 2.2 lists classes of records relating to engineering research.

Section 2.3 lists classes of records relating to astronomy.

Section 2.4 lists classes of records relating to research into police and criminal matters and the analysis of evidence found at scenes of crimes.

Section 2.5 lists classes of records relating to the Data Protection Committee.

2. SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH: GENERAL

Warren Spring Laboratory: Annual Reports
1959-79 19 booklets
Annual reports of the laboratory, set up in 1959 to replace the Fuel Research Station, but given a versatile role to undertake work, especially pilot scale investigations, on subjects of national importance which did not fit into the programme of other research bodies. It thus continued Fuel Research Station work on atmospheric pollution and the synthesis of oils, as well as research into mineral processing and chemical engineering formerly carried out by the National Chemical Laboratory. [Records open immediately.] AY24

Technology Reports Centre: R and D Abstracts
1972-80 52 volumes and booklets
Abstracts of scientific and technological papers received by the Technology Reports Centre of the Department of Trade and Industry from government research establishments, government-supported bodies and other sources in the United Kingdom and overseas. [Records open immediately.] BT179

Technology Reports Centre: R and D Abstracts Supplements
1972-80 26 volumes
Supplements to the abstracts in BT179, circulated to industrial and trade associations, with some for official use circulated for internal purposes only. [Records open after 10 years.] BT180

Technology Reports Centre: Techlinks
1968-78 28 volumes
Leaflets produced by Techlinks, a Ministry of Technology service providing rapid and selective communication of technological innovations originating in government establishments, public corporations, research associations and overseas, to potential users in industry. Each leaflet indicates where and how further information may be obtained. [Records open immediately.] BT181

Industrial Operations Unit: Pamphlets
1958-69 19 pamphlets
Pamphlets demonstrating existing techniques and the development of new ones in the field of industrial engineering. [Records open immediately.] BT182

2. SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH: GENERAL

War Cabinet: Scientific Advisory Committees

1940-46 9 volumes

Records of various committees set up to advise the government on scientific matters including psychiatry and engineering. CAB90

War Cabinet: Miscellaneous Committees

1939-47 62 volumes

Records of various committees covering subjects including dyestuffs, the work of psychiatrists and psychologists, atomic energy, scientific and optical instruments, and scientific collaboration. [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB98

Department of Scientific and Industrial Research: Minute Books

1915-56 35 volumes

Minutes of the Advisory Council of scientists which advised the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, 1915-56; of the "Million Fund Committee", which advised on co-operative research associations set up by groups of industrial firms to qualify for financial assistance from the state, 1916-27; and of the Industrial Grants Committee and the Scientific Grants Committee, 1927-38, which made recommendations for grants for industrial and scientific research. DSIRI

Advisory Council and Committees: Meetings Files

1917-56 792 files

Memoranda and progress reports on research projects, reports from committees and research associations and applications for renewal of grants presented to the Council and committees as under DSIRI, together with approved minutes. DSIR2

Research Boards and Committees: Correspondence and Minutes

1915-40 392 files

Records of meetings, files and working papers of Research Boards and Committees which had been wound up by 1939. They relate to abrasives; adhesives; brass and copper castings; bridge stress; British Museum Laboratory; building materials; chemotherapy; copper and zinc; corrosion; dental investigation; electrical research; electro-deposition; engineering; fabrics; forest treet; gas cylinders; geophysical survey; high pressures research;

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(continued) illuminating engineering; industrial fatigue; patents; locomotive experiments; lubrication; materials at high temperature; metallurgy; mining; oxygen; permitted explosives; physics; Severn Barrage; springs; optical instruments; steel structures; timber; tin and tungsten; water power; x-rays; and zirconium. DSIR3

National Physical Laboratory: Registered Files
1906-67 366 files
Files relating to the administration and work of the Laboratory, which was founded in 1900 with responsibility for the standardisation and verification of instruments, testing of materials and determination of physical constants. Its work expanded into wider aspects of physical, chemical and engineering research, although such subjects as engineering and radio research later became the responsibility of independent institutions. It now has particular responsibility for standards; for applications of non-nuclear physics; and basic research in such areas as marine matters, computers, and engineering dynamics. DSIR10

Imperial Trust
1916-56 49 files, etc.
Records of the Trust, which was established to administer the Million Fund set up in 1916 to provide grants for encouraging groups of industrial firms to set up co-operative research associations. DSIR15

Industrial Research Associations
1916-60 257 files and volumes
Papers relating to the establishment of individual co-operative industrial research associations by a wide range of British industries, from the aircraft industry through scientific instruments to x-ray apparatus. DSIR16

Registered Files: General Series
1915-62 545 files
Files relating to the administration and work of the Department, including research projects undertaken or financed by it. DSIR17

2. SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH: GENERAL

National Physical Laboratory: Reports, Series I: Internal
Records not yet transferred to PRO. DSIR29

National Physical Laboratory: Reports, Series I: External
Records not yet transferred to PRO. DSIR30

National Physical Laboratory: Reports: Internal (Series II)
1973-78 191 reports
Reports from various divisions of the Laboratory, designed for use within the Laboratory and not for external circulation. They illustrate the Laboratory's work on standards; applications of non-nuclear physics; and basic research in such areas as marine matters, computers and engineering dynamics. DSIR31

National Physical Laboratory: Reports: External (Series II)
1973-78 256 pamphlets
Reports from various divisions of the Laboratory designed for external circulation to interested parties. They cover such subjects as acoustics; chemical standards; computer science; electrical science; inorganic and metallic structure; maritime science; materials applications; mechanical and optical metrology; quantum metrology; radiation science; and ships. [Records open immediately.] DSIR32

Records Bureau Files
1884-1957 4521 files
A collection of reports from the DSIR library covering a wide range of scientific and technological research. Subjects covered include engineering structures, metals and other materials, instruments, chemicals, fuels, pollution, meteorology, agriculture, and food. DSIR36

Ministry of Munitions Papers
1861-1923 275 files and volumes
Papers transferred to DSIR from the Ministry of Munitions, including papers relating to munitions inventions, explosives, nitrogen products, chemical inventions, and chemical waste products. DSIR37

2. SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH: GENERAL

Research Boards and Committees, 1915-1939: Reports
1929-36 75 files and microfiches
Scientific and technical records of boards and committees for which there are no separate classes and for which files and minutes are in DSIR3. The bulk of the class is made up of an incomplete series of reports of the Steel Structures Research Committee; further reports of the Committee are in DSIR36. DSIR43

2.1 CHEMISTRY

National Chemical Laboratory: Records
1946-65 260 reports and files
Reports from the Laboratory and its predecessor, the Chemical Research Laboratory. The Laboratory was not intended to cover the whole range of chemical research but to fill gaps and to undertake specific projects of chemical research. The reports so far available relate mainly to uranium extraction and concentration. For further files relating to the Laboratory, see DSIR5. AY5

Chemistry Research Board
1920-68 110 files
Files relating to the administration and work of the Board and of the Chemistry Research Laboratory and the National Chemical Laboratory covering a wide range of chemical research. For reports covering chemical aspects of atomic energy see AY5. [Some files are open immediately.] DSIR5

Laboratory of the Government Chemist: Correspondence and Papers
1903-45 264 files
Records of the Laboratory which was responsible for government chemical work, especially relating to food and drugs.

The Laboratory was formed in 1894 by the amalgamation of the laboratories of the Boards Customs and of Inland Revenue. For the work of these laboratories, see the Annual Reports in the class CUST44. DSIR26

2.2 ENGINEERING

National Engineering Laboratory: Registered Files
1959-63 20 files
Files of the Laboratory, which replaced the Mechanical Engineering Research Laboratory in 1959, relating to its research work on mechanical engineering. AY25

National Engineering Laboratory: Research Summaries
1958-77 126 folders
Summaries of research carried out by the Laboratory in mechanical engineering problems. [Records open immediately.] DSIR33

National Engineering Laboratory: Reports
1973-78 125 pamphlets
Reports issued by the Laboratory relating to its work in mechanical engineering. Reports earlier than 1973 are held by the Laboratory. [Records open immediately.] DSIR34

National Engineering Laboratory: Publicity Material
1970-72 6 pamphlets
Publicity material issued by the Laboratory to illustrate particular projects. [Reports open immediately.] DSIR35

2.3 ASTRONOMY

Board of Visitors to the Royal Greenwich Observatory
1872-1964 35 volumes and folders
Minutes, correspondence concerning visits to the Observatory, and reports to the visitors by the Astronomer Royal. The reports of the Board were published after 1774; the last visitation was in June 1964 and the Board was dissolved in 1965. The Observatory has been appointed a place of deposit for its own records under the Public Records Act 1958. ADM190

RGO Group: Records of the Royal Greenwich Observatory
Records in this group can be seen at the Royal Greenwich Observatory not at the PRO. They are arranged in 40 classes as follows: RGO1-RGO41

Astronomers' Royal Papers: Flamsteed RGO1

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Astronomers' Royal Papers: Halley	RGO2
Astronomers' Royal Papers: Bradley and Bliss	RGO3
Astronomers' Royal Papers: Maskelyne	RGO4
Astronomers' Royal Papers: Pond	RGO5
Astronomers' Royal Papers: Airy	RGO6
Astronomers' Royal Papers: Christie	RGO7
Astronomers' Royal Papers: Dyson	RGO8
Astronomers' Royal Papers: Spencer Jones	RGO9
Astronomers' Royal Papers: Woolley	RGO10
Directors' Papers: Burbidge	RGO11
Directors' Papers: Hunter	RGO12
Directors' Papers: Smith	RGO13
Board of Longitude	RGO14
Royal Observatory: Cape of Good Hope	RGO15
HM Nautical Almanac Office	RGO16
Publications: Royal Greenwich Observatory: Annual Reports	RGO17
Publications: Royal Greenwich Observatory: Greenwich Observations	RGO18
Publications: Royal Greenwich Observatory: Royal Observatory Annals	RGO20
Publications: Royal Greenwich Observatory: Bulletins	RGO21
Publications: Royal Greenwich Observatory: Greenwich Time Reports	RGO22
Publications: Royal Observatory Cape of Good Hope: Meridian Observations	RGO23
Publications: Royal Observatory Cape of Good Hope: Cape Catalogues	RGO24
Publications: Royal Observatory Cape of Good Hope: Annals	RGO25

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Publications: Royal Observatory Cape of Good Hope: Cape Astrographic Zones	RGO26
Publications: Royal Observatory Cape of Good Hope: Cape Mimeograms	RGO27
Publications: HM Nautical Almanac Office: Nautical Almanac	RGO28
Publications: HM Nautical Almanac Office: Astronomical Ephemeris	RGO29
Publications: HM Nautical Almanac Office: Star Almanac for Land Surveyors	RGO30
Publications: HM Nautical Almanac Office: Air Almanac	RGO31
Publications: HM Nautical Almanac Office: Technical Notes	RGO32
Publications: HM Nautical Almanac Office: Separate Publications	RGO33
Publications: HM Nautical Almanac Office: Journal Reprint Series	RGO34
Associated Material in Other Archives: Photographs, etc.	RGO35
Associated Material in Other Archives: Microfilm	RGO36
Gifts and Deposits: Professor RDO Redman Papers	RGO37
Inventories of Manuscripts	RGO38
Inventories of Scientific Instruments	RGO39
Observatory Rules and Regulations	RGO40
Publications: Royal Observatory Cape of Good Hope: Annual Reports	RGO41

2.4 POLICE RESEARCH

Police Research Bulletin
1967-78 31 booklets
Copies of the bulletin issued by the Police Research and Planning Branch, established in 1963 for the use of police officers. The first bulletin was published in 1967.
[Records open immediately.] HO222

2.4 POLICE RESEARCH

Scientific Advisory Branch: Reports, CD/SA Series
Records not yet transferred to PRO. HO225

Scientific Advisory Branch: Reports, FF Series
Records not yet transferred to PRO. HO229

Central Research Establishment: Contract Reports
1974-75 5 reports
Reports of scientific research carried out by university and commercial laboratories relating to the analysis of types of material evidence found at scenes of crimes. See also HO235 and 236. HO234

Central Research Establishment: Annual Reports
1969-76 7 pamphlets
Annual reports of the Establishment, founded in 1966 to secure the better use of science in police work, especially in the analysis of material left at scenes of crimes. See also HO234 and 236.
[Records open immediately.] HO235

Central Research Establishment: Internal Reports
1967-76 203 files
Unpublished reports for internal circulation relating to the analysis of material left at the scenes of crimes. See also HO234 and 235. HO236

2.5 COMPUTERS AND DATA PROTECTION

Data Protection Committee
1976-78 19 files and 1 volume
Records of the Committee appointed in 1976 and chaired by Sir Norman Lindop to advise the government on means to safeguard the privacy of computer data.
[Records open immediately.] HO261

3. AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

The classes of records listed in this section were created mainly in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and its predecessors. Before the creation of the Board of Agriculture in 1889 responsibilities for agriculture and fisheries had been held by a number of bodies, notably the Home Office and Privy Council (see section 1) and the Board of Trade. Responsibility for fisheries was not transferred to the Board of Agriculture until 1903. The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries became a Ministry in 1919. In both the First and Second World Wars Ministries of Food were created to organise and control the supply and distribution of food, and the second Ministry of Food was merged with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in 1955. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is now responsible for agricultural, fisheries and food policies and controls; marketing and distribution schemes; advisory and technical services; and research. Forestry has been since 1919 the responsibility of an independent Forestry Commission.

Also included in this section are the records of the Development Commission, established in 1910 and given power to recommend to the Treasury the issue of advances from the Development Fund for projects in agriculture, fishing, forestry, transport, and rural industries.

Section 3 lists classes of records relating to agriculture, fisheries and food in general, and general series of agricultural records, including those relating to marketing, statistics and surveys and the production and use of fertilisers. It also lists the records of the Development Commission and classes of Treasury records relating to agricultural expenditure.

Section 3.1 lists classes of records relating to education and research on agricultural subjects and to the agricultural advisory services.

Section 3.2 lists classes of records relating to land utilisation and management.

Section 3.3 lists classes of records relating to livestock and dairy farming, including records from experimental husbandry farms. A sub-section lists classes relating to veterinary services and animal health.

Section 3.4 lists classes of records relating to arable farming, grass and cereal production and storage.

Section 3.5 lists classes of records relating to horticulture: vegetables, fruit, flowers, nursery stock and glasshouse crops, including records from experimental stations. These records include some information relating to bee-keeping.

Section 3.6 lists classes of records relating to forestry and forestry research. It does not include records relating to the management of individual forests.

Section 3.7 lists classes of records relating to pest infestation of stored products and its control, crop pests and diseases, plant pathology, and the control of animal and bird pests.

Section 3.8 lists classes of records relating to fisheries and fisheries research. For records relating to fishing vessels, see section 5.3.

Section 3.9 lists classes of records relating to the supply and distribution of food, including problems of storage and processing and to the regulation and inspection of foodstuffs and matters of nutrition.

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3. AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AND FOOD: GENERAL

Development Commission: Reports to Treasury
1911-66 70 volumes
Reports on applications to the Development Commission for advances from the Development Fund for agricultural, forestry, fisheries, transport, and rural industries projects. The volumes are indexed. D2

Annual Reports
1911-81 39 volumes and pamphlets
Annual Reports of the Development Commissioners. No reports were published between 1940 and 1960. [Records open immediately.] D3

Board of Agriculture: Miscellaneous Statics
1698-1913 62 volumes and folders
Copies of customs accounts of imports and exports, 1698-1709; reports of corn and other prices in overseas ports, 1825-26; miscellaneous agricultural statistics, 1730-1883; livestock surveys, 1910-13; and a census of vegetable production, 1913. MAF7

Registers of Market Prices
1873-1952 365 volumes
Registers of prices of livestock, dead meat and all agricultural products. [Records open immediately.] MAF15

National Farm Survey: Individual Farm Records
1941 1405 boxes
Reports and returns of individual farms made in connection with the National Farm Survey, 1941. Maps relating to the returns are in MAF73. See also MAF38. [Records closed for 50 years.] MAF32

Agricultural Marketing: Correspondence and Papers
1918-57 918 files
Files relating to various agricultural marketing schemes and surveys. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] MAF34

Commercial Control: Correspondence and Papers
1893-1957 309 files
Records relating to the protection of farmers and consumers regarding the quality of fertilisers and feeding stuffs; seeds; dairy produce; poisons for agricultural use; and food weights and measures. MAF36

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3. AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AND FOOD: GENERAL

Statistics and Economics: Correspondence and Papers
1866-1971 930 files
Papers and memoranda containing statistical information from corn returns, agricultural censuses, and farm surveys, and relating to prices and farmers' incomes. MAF38

Information and Publicity: Correspondence and Papers
1926-65 58 files
These papers include advice leaflets published by the Ministry on horticultural and agricultural topics. See also MAF216. MAF45

Lime and Fertilisers: Correspondence and Papers
1919-66 378 files
Papers relating to the measures taken before the Second World War to build up adequate supplies of fertilisers and to encourage farmers to improve the fertility of their land. The files deal mainly with the creation and administration of various fertility and agricultural lime schemes, including related legislation, research and statistics, and a scheme for state assistance in erecting a limestone grinding plant. MAF51

Temporary Commissions and Organisations
1932-59 77 files
The records of the Agricultural Marketing Commissions for Eggs and Poultry, Milk, Pigs and Pig Products, and Fatstock; of the Technical Committee on Abattoir Design; and of the Committee on Grassland Utilisation. MAF56

Miscellaneous Unregistered Papers
1921-50 2 volumes
So far this class contains only papers relating to the control of injurious weeds. MAF57

Agricultural Machinery: Correspondence and Papers
1920-67 250 files
Papers relating to government activity in promoting the mechanisation of farming; the files deal with the relevant legislation, the administration of the schemes for the supply and development of agricultural machinery, import and export controls, and the uses to which machinery was put. MAF58

3. AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AND FOOD: GENERAL

Agricultural Returns: Parish Summaries

1866-1971 5260 volumes

Parish summaries of returns made voluntarily by farmers of the livestock and crop acreages on their farms. [For access to the summaries after 1917 an undertaking must be signed not to extract information relating to individual holdings.] MAF68

Welsh Department: Correspondence and Papers

1912-56 196 files

Papers relating to agriculture in Wales, including agricultural education and research, livestock improvement schemes, land drainage, and the provision of small holdings. MAF70

Monthly Agricultural Reports

1906-78 354 files, volumes, and folders

Monthly reports giving details of the weather, condition of crops and livestock, forecast and actual yields, etc., for each county in England and Wales, and summaries from 1906. There are also crop weather reports under the Agricultural Meteorological Scheme for 1924-32. [Records open after 5 years.] MAF82

General Division Correspondence and Papers

1921-46 13 files

Files relating to post-war agricultural policy, including reports on food production. MAF89

Regional Office Records

The following classes contain records from the regional organisation of the Ministry, established following the setting-up of county agricultural executive committees during the Second World War. The files deal with various agricultural activities at a local level, including the work of the National Agricultural Advisory Service, technical advisory services relating to land use, veterinary and drainage services, and general agricultural information and intelligence. MAF105-MAF112

Eastern Regional Records

1946-70 324 files MAF105

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East Midland Regional Records	1932-69	39 files	MAF106
Northern Regional Records	1940-68	163 files	MAF107
South Eastern Regional Records	1938-67	81 files	MAF108
South Western Regional Records	1892-1966	169 files	MAF109
West Midlands Regional Records	1892-1970	321 files	MAF110
Yorkshire and Lancashire Regional Records	1945-71	42 files	MAF111
Welsh Department Regional Records	1914-72	666 files	MAF112
Registered Files: Domestic Food Production (DFP Series) Files dealing with food production in small holdings, allotments, and private gardens and with bee-keeping. See also MAF54.	1940-67	60 files	MAF126
Divisional Office Records The following classes contain files relating to land improvement and restoration and various other agricultural topics of local significance.			MAF145- MAF149 MAF157- MAF182
Gloucester	1941-60	7 files	MAF145
March	1925-59	10 files	MAF146
Norwich	1940-72	95 files	MAF147
Taunton	1950-56	5 files	MAF148
Truro	1937-70	184 files	MAF149
Bury St. Edmunds	1940-72	18 files	MAF157

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Chelmsford 1941-56	9 files	MAF158
Huntingdon 1941-62	8 files	MAF159
Lincoln 1941-64	51 files	MAF160
Northampton 1942-55	8 files	MAF161
Nottingham 1941-57	13 files	MAF162
Alnwick 1940-70	64 files	MAF163
Carlisle 1942-64	4 files	MAF164
Durham Not yet received in PRO.		MAF165
Northallerton Not yet received in PRO.		MAF166
Guildford 1940-71	13 files	MAF167
Maidstone 1940-57	7 files	MAF168
Oxford 1939-62	154 files	MAF169
Winchester 1920-59	61 files	MAF170
Exeter 1946-69	1 file	MAF171
Crewe Not yet received in PRO.		MAF172
Shrewsbury 1941-67	24 files	MAF173
Worcester 1929-71	85 files	MAF174
Beverley 1942-58	10 files	MAF175
Harrogate 1919-72	92 files	MAF176

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Preston
1935-71 219 files MAF177

Caernarvon
1947-63 5 files MAF178

Cardiff
1939-62 42 files MAF179

Carmarthen
1941-63 18 files MAF180

Llandrindod Wells
Not yet received in PRO. MAF181

Ruthin
1942-58 34 files MAF182

Registered Files: Hill Farming (HF Series)
1944-51 36 files
Files relating to subsidies for hill cattle and hill sheep and to the improvement of upland livestock rearing farms. MAF185

Information and Publicity: Press Notices and Releases
1956-75 57 files
Press notices and releases from the Ministry, including series of technical notices and statistical information. See also MAF45. MAF216

Registered Files: Agricultural Wages, Health and Housing (SLY Series)
1936-59 86 files
Files relating to agricultural manpower and wages, and including papers relating to safety measures for the use of toxic chemicals in agriculture. MAF228

Registered Files: Technical and Visual Aids (TVA Series)
1933-67 6 files
Files relating to the preparation of technical and visual aids giving agricultural information, including exhibitions and films, radio and television programmes. MAF240

Registered Files: Publications Branch (PB Series)
1924-70 16 files
Files relating to and including Ministry publications and minutes of meetings of

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(continued) the National Agricultural Advisory Service and of the Agricultural Land Service Publications Committee. MAF242

Publications: Bulletin of the MAFF
1957-65 9 booklets
The monthly Bulletin published by and for the Ministry, containing articles on its work and a variety of agricultural topics. MAF244

Treasury: Agriculture and Food Division: Files
1924-53 206 files
Files relating to government financial provision for agriculture, fisheries, food, and forestry, including research on these subjects. The files date from 1948 onwards, but some files contain earlier papers. T223

Agriculture, Trade, and Transport Division: Files
Documents not yet received in PRO. T224

3.1 AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Further Education: Agricultural Education and Research
1909-64 439 files
Files relating to the provision of agricultural education and to research, transferred from the Ministry of Agriculture to the Ministry of Education when responsibility for agricultural education was transferred in 1959 and 1964. For earlier files see MAF33. ED174

Agricultural Education and Research: Correspondence and Papers
1883-1963 953 files
Files relating to various aspects of agricultural education and research in institutes, colleges and universities; the Agricultural Improvement Council; advisory centres and services; chemistry; dairying; diseases of animals; electricity; feeding stuffs and fertilisers; flax; grants; grass; horticulture; international conferences; meteorology; pigs; potatoes; poultry; rural industries; research officers; scholarships; sheep; sugar and sugar beet; veterinary education and research. MAF33

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3.1 AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Registered Files: Agricultural Research and Advisory Services (ASG Series)
1921-70 472 files
Files relating to grants to various bodies for rural and agricultural development and to liaison with the Agricultural Improvement Council relating to a wide variety of experiments and schemes for improving agricultural productivity and developing rural industries. MAF113

Registered Files: Agricultural Advisory Services: Administration (ASH Series)
1924-72 416 files
Files relating to a wide variety of agricultural subjects, including reports and papers of various advisory bodies. MAF114

Registered Files: Agricultural Education (AE Series)
1916-65 97 files
Files relating to agricultural education, including reports and papers of a number of advisory bodies. MAF115

Registered Files: Research and Research Stations (RG Series)
1918-71 425 files
Files relating to research and research grants for a wide variety of agricultural research, and to the provision of land, buildings, and equipment. MAF117

Registered Files: Further Education (FEM Series)
1941-58 23 files
Files relating to the scheme for retraining and providing refresher courses in agricultural subjects for men and women released from war service after the Second World War. MAF198

Agricultural Research Council: Committee Papers
1941-60 132 files
Minutes and papers of the Council, established in 1931 to review and facilitate research in progress on agricultural topics and to promote new research. It oversees a number of research units and institutes and makes grants for research projects. MAF200

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3.1 AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Registered Files: Research and Technical (Crop Weather Scheme): RG Series
Records not yet received in PRO. MAF241

3.2 LAND UTILISATION

Registered Files: Land Utilisation (LU Series)
1939-65 262 files
Files relating to afforestation; National Parks; nature reserves and access to the countryside; open cast coal and mineral workings and restoration of land; deep mining subsidence; refuse tips; disposal of industrial waste; water gathering grounds; and tree felling and tree preservation. MAF141

Registered Files: Land Management and Acquisition (ALM Series)
1947-56 32 files
Files relating to land use and management; acquisition, betterment and compensation; eradication of bracken; and the Agricultural Land Service. MAF142

Registered Files: Land Cultivation (WAC Series)
1940-66 51 files
Files relating to ploughing up and cultivation of lands; fen drainage and the improvement of Fenland roads. MAF143

3.3 LIVESTOCK FARMING

Livestock Commission
1933-46 57 boxes, etc.
Records of the Commission established in 1937 to advise on and review the arrangements for the production, marketing, slaughter, sale and consumption of livestock. MAF31

Animal Health Correspondence and Papers
1876-1965 779 files and volumes
Records relating to controls over the importation and movement of animals and measures to contain and eliminate animal diseases, including anthrax; brucellosis; canine diseases; cattle plague;

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(continued) contagious abortion; epizootic lymphangitis and epizootic abortion; foot and mouth disease; glanders; grass sickness in horses; Johne's disease; louping ill and braxy; liver fluke infestation; parasitic mange; poultry disease; sheep diseases; swine fever; tuberculosis; and warble fly.
MAF35

Livestock and Dairying: Correspondence and Papers
1891-1964 321 volumes, etc.
Papers relating to livestock improvement (including the administration of the National Stud), milk standards, the marketing of milk products, and slaughtering.
MAF52

Poultry and Small Livestock: Correspondence and Papers
1914-57 123 files
Files relating to the Ministry's activities concerning poultry and eggs, goats, and rabbits.
MAF54

Animal Feeding Stuffs: Correspondence and Papers
1937-55 84 files
Papers relating to the supply and distribution of animal feeding stuffs.
MAF79

Cattle Markets: Correspondence and Papers
1892-1964 160 files
Files relating to the regulation and development of cattle markets.
MAF91

Experimental Husbandry Farms Reports
1961-70 145 booklets
Reports and farm guides relating to the work of experimental husbandry farms.
MAF93

Experimental Husbandry Farms: Results of Experiments
1953-67 27 booklets
Reports of experimental results for crops and livestock at experimental farms.
MAF94

Registered Files: Livestock Improvement (TLJ Series)
1935-71 144 files
Files relating to the rearing of livestock and livestock improvement (including the administration of the

3.3 LIVESTOCK FARMING

(continued) National Stud); many files relate to the licensing of bulls, boars, and stallions for breeding purposes. MAF121

Registered Files: Livestock Production and Marketing (SFS Series)
1948-57 59 files
Files relating to supplies and prices of livestock, pig keeping, etc. MAF122

Registered Files: Milk (M Series)
1933-62 18 files
Files relating to the production, supply, marketing, and price of milk, and milk recording, testing, and advisory scheme. MAF123

Registered Files: Artificial Insemination (AI Series)
1940-70 100 files
Files relating to artificial insemination; the import and export of semen, purchase of bulls; training; advisory committees; and policy and research. MAF124

Registered Files: Poultry, Rabbits, and Game (PRG Series)
1948-59 24 files
Files relating to poultry keeping and improvement, eggs, rabbits, and goat keeping. MAF125

Registered Files: Milk and Dairies Regulations (MDR Series)
1942-60 98 files
Files relating to regulations dealing with the production of milk and dairy produce. MAF202

Registered Files: Milk Testing Service (MT Series)
1941-63 40 files
Files relating to the National Milk Testing Service, its laboratory accommodation and equipment. MAF203

3.3.1 VETERINARY SERVICES AND ANIMAL DISEASES

Various Commissions
1786-1894 70 bundles and volumes
Records relating to various standing royal commissions and commissions of enquiry, including one relating to cattle plague (1865-66). HO73

State Veterinary Service: Journals
1945-75 90 booklets
The State Veterinary News, 1945-49, and The State Veterinary Journal, 1949-75, were produced by and for the staff of the Animal Health Division. [Records open after 5 years.] MAF188

Central Veterinary Laboratory: Registered Files
1924-57 879 files
Working files of the Laboratory dealing with investigations into animal diseases. MAF189

State Veterinary Service: Chemistry Department
Records not yet received in PRO. MAF192

3.4 ARABLE FARMING

Corn Returns
1791-1959 369 volumes
Registers of weekly and monthly returns of quantities and average prices of corn in the several returning markets in England and Wales; abstracts and summaries of returns; reports of committees, etc. [Records open immediately.] MAF10

Crop Production: Correspondence and Papers
1930-58 132 files and volumes
Files relating to schemes of quota and deficiency payments for cereals. See also MAF120. MAF37

Seeds: Correspondence and Papers
1918-61 70 files
Papers relating to the production, supply, distribution and use of seeds and the control of imports and exports. MAF78

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Registered Files: Grassland and Crop Improvements (CCB Series)
1940-72 44 files
Files relating to fertilisers and the qualitative control of seeds. MAF119

Registered Files: CPR Series
1932-67 123 files
Files relating mainly to the domestic production of cereals and sugar beet. See also MAF37. MAF120

Registered Files: Grassland Development (GD Series)
1939-66 49 files
Files relating to grassland development; the supply of silage, hay, and straw; grass drying; and silos. MAF196

Registered Files: Grain Drying and Storage (GDP Series)
1944-65 24 files
Files relating to the drying and storage of grain. MAF201

3.5 HORTICULTURE

Horticulture: Correspondence and Papers
1896-1959 140 files
Papers relating to horticulture, including the control of insects and pests; crop cultivation; inspection of crops for export; certification of crops as to their health and type; and the imposition of tariffs. MAF43

Experimental Horticultural Stations Reports
1949-71 95 booklets
Reports from horticultural stations of national fruit trials, bulb experiments, and trials of vegetables, fruit, flowers, nursery stock, and glasshouse crops. MAF92

Registered Files: Horticultural: General (HG Series)
1924-59 18 files
Files relating to bee-keeping and general horticultural enquiries; and to seed potatoes and the supply of home-grown potatoes. MAF132

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Registered Files: Horticulture: Plant Inspections and Certificates (HI Series)
Not yet received in PRO. MAF134

Registered Files: Horticultural Produce: Supply and Prices (PDB Series)
1936-70 59 files
Files relating to the production, supply, and prices of horticultural produce. MAF207

Registered Files: Horticultural Produce: Marketing and Distribution (MHP Series)
1942-65 49 files
Files relating to the marketing and distribution of horticultural produce; standardisation of fruit and vegetable containers; and grade assessment of fruit and vegetables. MAF208

3.6 FORESTRY

Forest Products Research Board and Laboratory: Files
1920-65 302 files
Files relating to the work of the Board and Laboratory on problems connected with the use of timber and timber products. DSIR7

Forestry Commission: Headquarters Registered Files
1912-72 591 files
Files from the Forestry Commission's headquarters, covering all aspects of its work, including technical matters and research into forestry. F18

Research Division: Correspondence and Papers
1925-61 9 files
Files from the Research Division. At present the class contains only papers of the Advisory Committee on Forest Research and the papers of the Bedgebury Pinetum Committee. F21

Alice Holt Research Station: Registered Files
1920-70 23 files
Files relating to applied research into plant production, silviculture, tree

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(continued) improvement and crop protection, and some pure research into soil physics, forest hydrology, genetics, physiology, and the biology of pests and diseases. F40

3.7 PESTS, DISEASES, AND INFESTATION

Pest Infestation Research Committees
1938-60 67 files
Files relating to research into pest infestation of stored products. DSIR21

Pest Infestation Research Laboratory: Papers
1939-54 85 files
Papers relating to research into infestation by insects, mites, and fungal pests of harvested crops and animal products during storage, transport and harvesting, and into methods of eradication and control. DSIR25

Infestation Control: Correspondence and Papers
1893-1960 85 files
Files relating to the destruction and control of rats and mice, musk rats, rabbits, and other pests; and the protection of wild birds. There are no papers for the period 1901-17. MAF44

Registered Files: Infestation: Policy, Publicity, and Equipment (I Series)
1948-72 97 files
Files relating to general policy dealing with infestation control. MAF130

Registered Files: Land Pests (LP/N Series)
1940-67 49 files
Files relating to the control of animal and bird pests. MAF131

Registered Files: Crop Pests and Diseases (HH Series)
1913-69 151 files
Files relating to diseases and infestation of plants and fruit and to controls over imports and exports. MAF133

3.7 PESTS, DISEASES, AND INFESTATION

Plant Pathology Laboratory: Plant Pathology Department
1915-71 235 files and volumes
Papers dealing with pests and diseases of plants and with methods of their control, especially quarantine ; entomology, mycology, and plant pathology. MAF190

Plant Pathology Laboratory: Entomology Department
1919-71 168 files
Papers dealing with the incidence and control of insects and rabbits. MAF191

Registered Files: Rodent Infestation (IR Series)
1942-67 17 files
Files relating to the control of rodents, including papers of the Rodent Research Branch. MAF212

Registered Files: Infestation in London Region (ILR Series)
1939-60 3 files
Files relating to insect and rodent control in food, food premises, ships and buffer depots in the London region. MAF213

Registered Files: Infestation in Buffer Depots (II Series)
1941-69 17 files
Files relating to the control of insect and mite pests in food, food premises, and ships and the control of rodents in buffer depots. MAF214

Registered Files: Infestation in Crown Property (ICP Series)
1945-68 8 files
Files relating to infestation in Crown property. MAF215

3.8 FISHERIES

Torry Research Station: Registered Files
1944-60 65 files
Files of the Station, founded in 1929 as the British centre for research on fish as food. The files relate to the Station's research and development work on handling, processing, preservation, transport, and distribution of fish. See also AY9 and DSIR6. AY8

3.8 FISHERIES

Torry Research Station: Leaflets
1960-73 60 leaflets
Leaflets in the Torry Advisory Notes series on developments in the Station's work as described under AY8. [Records open immediately.] AY9

Torry Research Station
1947-62 34 files
Files from DSIR headquarters relating to the work of the Station. For records from the Station itself see AY8 and 9. DSIR40

Archives of American Fisheries Commissions
1873-68 9 bundles
Papers of the Commissions at Halifax and Washington relating to American fisheries. FO301

Board of Trade Fisheries Department: Correspondence and Papers
1887-98 24 boxes
Papers relating to fish and the fishing industry. MAF12

White Fish Commission
1938-39 7 boxes
Papers of the Commission established in 1938 to advise on matters relating to the white fish industry. MAF23

Sea Fish Commission
1933-36 38 files and volumes
Papers of the Commission established in 1933 to examine the functioning of the sea fish industry. MAF29

Fisheries Department: Correspondence and Papers
1839-1966 1511 volumes, etc.
Papers relating to maritime and to salmon and fresh water fisheries, to harbours and the pollution of rivers. Maps and plans of fisheries referred to in these papers are in MAF71. See also MAF209. [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] MAF41

Registered Files: Fisheries (FGB Series)
1905-68 1453 files
Files covering a wide variety of fisheries matters, including both sea and fresh water fishing. See also MAF41. MAF209

3.9 FOOD SUPPLIES, NUTRITION, AND CONSUMPTION

War Cabinet: Ministerial Committee on Food Policy
1939-43 12 volumes
Records of the Committee set up in 1939 to deal with questions relating to food supply and distribution and rationing; including records of its production and scientific sub-committees. From 1942 this work was absorbed by the Lord President's Committee (CAB71; see section 1).
CAB74

Food Investigation Board
1917-49 120 volumes and files
Files relating to research into the preservation, storage, and transport of perishable foodstuffs.
DSIR6

Ministry of Food and Board of Trade Food Departments 1916-1936
1914-39 568 files, etc.
Papers relating to the organisation of the supply and distribution of food during the First World War and after. [Some papers are closed for 100 years.]
MAF60

Board of Trade Food (Defence Plans) Department (1936-1939)
1935-53 721 files
Papers relating to the planning of food supplies and distribution in the event of war, including papers relating to an enquiry into the problems of food storage. [Records closed for 50 years.]
MAF72

Ministry of Food Central Registry: Correspondence and Papers
1937-55 369 files
Files relating to the supply and distribution of food. [All but one file are closed for 50 years.]
MAF74

Ministry of Food: Permanent Record of Operations (1939-1954)
1939-54 92 files and boxes
A collection of records illustrating the main functions of the Ministry relating to the supply and distribution of food.
MAF75

Ministry of Food Supply Department: Supply Secretariat
1939-55 3631 files
Files relating to food production, supply, and distribution, including transport and storage problems and the utilisation of food supplies.
MAF83

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Ministry of Food Supply Department: Cereals Group
1938-62 892 files
Files relating to the procurement, distribution and processing of cereals and cereal products. See also MAF83. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] MAF84

Ministry of Food Supply Department: Dairy, Produce, and Fats Group
1939-59 604 files
Files relating to the procurement, distribution, and processing of dairy products and fats. See also MAF83. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] MAF85

Ministry of Food Supply Department: Fish and Vegetables Group
1938-56 450 files
Files relating to the procurement, distribution, and processing of fish and vegetables. See also MAF83. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] MAF86

Ministry of Food Supply Department: Groceries and Sundries Group
1939-57 315 files
Files relating to the procurement, distribution, and processing of confectionery, cocoa, coffee, starch, sugar, and tea. See also MAF83. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] MAF87

Ministry of Food Supply Department: Meat and Livestock Group
1937-58 598 files
Files relating to controls, distribution, and processing of home-killed and imported meat. See also MAF83. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] MAF88

Ministry of Food: Establishment Department: British Food Mission, Washington
1941-51 2915 files
Files relating to the procurement and transport of food supplies from North America during and after the Second World War. See also MAF104. MAF97

Ministry of Food: Scientific Adviser's Division
1936-59 253 files
Files relating to all aspects of national nutrition and the conservation, storage, and reduction of bulk of food; and to research and the direction of research relating to these matters. MAF98

3.9 FOOD SUPPLIES, NUTRITION, AND CONSUMPTION

Ministry of Food: Services Department: Distribution Group
1938-61 1855 files and folders
Files relating to matters relating to food distribution, including rationing, packaging, cold storage, dehydration of foodstuffs, storage, and transport. MAF99

Ministry of Food: Services Department: Food Standards Group
1873-1961 548 files
Files relating to standards of quality for food, the protection of the consumer against misleading claims, and the promotion of measures for the hygeinic manufacture, handling, and distribution of food. MAF101

Ministry of Food: Establishment Department: British Food Mission, Ottawa
1943-53 123 files
Files relating to the procurement of food supplies from Canada. See also MAF97. MAF104

Ministry of Food: Statistics and Intelligence
Records not yet received in PRO. MAF156

Registered Files: Flour: Composition and Nutritive Value (PFC Series)
1953-56 5 files
Files relating to the work of the Panel on the Composition and Nutritive Value of Flour, set up in 1955 to review the differences in the composition and nutritional value of flour of varying extraction rates. MAF199

Registered Files: Statistics: Food Supply and Consumption (SID Series)
Records not yet received in PRO. MAF243

Foods
1850-1967 430 files
Files of the foods branches of the Local Government Board and the Ministry of Health relating to the regulation and inspection of food and foodstuffs, shellfish beds and milk, and matters of nutrition. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.99. MH56

3.9 FOOD SUPPLIES, NUTRITION, AND CONSUMPTION

Gifts and Deposits: Anderson Papers
1915-36 29 files
Papers of Sir Alan Garrett Anderson relating to his activities as vice-chairman of the Royal Commission on Wheat Supplies formed in 1916 and as chairman of various committees of the Ministry of Food; as Admiralty Controller, 1917-18; and as a member of various trade missions and committees, 1923-36. List Published by the List and Index Society, vol.70. PRO30/68

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Before the nineteenth century there was little central government concern with environmental and public health matters, but during and after the Napoleonic Wars both the Privy Council and the Home Office became involved in measures to combat the spread of disease (see section 1). Public health and town improvement measures were the responsibility of local communities, often exercised through local commissions. A significant degree of central control was first introduced by the appointment of the Poor Law Commission in 1834 (followed by the Poor Law Board in 1848). The Commission and Board co-ordinated and inspected the provision of poor relief administered by local boards of guardians and became responsible in addition for some public health measures such as vaccination. In 1848 concern about high rates of mortality in large towns led to the establishment of the General Board of Health, with power to create local boards of health in areas of high mortality. The local boards were concerned with sanitation, sewerage, drainage, water supply, streets, burial brounds and the control of offensive trades. In 1858 the General Board of Health was abolished and its powers of co-ordination and control divided between the Local Government Act Office (a sub-department of the Home Office) and the Medical Department of the Privy Council.

In 1871 responsibility for co-ordinating and controlling public health, poor relief, and local government services in all localities passed to the newly-created Local Government Board, which absorbed the Poor Law Board, the Local Government Act Office and the Medical Department of the Privy Council. The Board was responsible for the supervision and inspection of poor relief and related medical services; supervision of environmental health services, water supply and sewerage. the direction of public health work, including inspection and public medical services; highways and bridges; and slum clearance, housing and town planning. Responsibility for lunatics and the inspection of asylums remained with the Lunacy Commission, established in 1845, and for criminal lunatics, with the Home Office.

A new Ministry of Health was established in 1919 to take over the functions not only of the Local Government Board but of the National Health Insurance Commission , set up in 1911 to administer the first limited scheme of national health insurance. The new Ministry also retained the responsibilities for local government services, sanitation, poor relief, housing and planning formerly exercised by the Local Government Board.

Co-ordination of local medical services was greatly extended during the Second World War, and these developments culminated in the establishment of the National Health Service in 1948. This became the primary responsibility of the Ministry, which had overall control of local and regional health bodies and took over responsibility for the medical treatment of mental patients. The Ministry's other responsibilities were gradually transferred to other bodies: local government and environmental health services and housing and planning to the new Ministry of Housing and Local Government (planning was initially transferred to the Ministry of Works and Planning in 1942 and the Ministry of Town and Country Planning in 1943); poor relief and public assistance to the Unemployment Assistance Board, the Ministry of National Insurance and the National Assistance Board; and health insurance to the Ministry of National Insurance.

In 1968 a new Department of Health and Social Security was created, responsible for all health, national insurance and public assistance matters. Responsibilities for local government and environmental health services, housing and planning were merged in the following year with those for transport and for government buildings (formerly the responsibility of the Ministry of Works) by the creation of a new Department of the Environment. The new Department was also given responsibility for environmental pollution matters.

Section 4 lists classes of records relating to local government, environmental and public health services in general.

Section 4.1 lists classes of records relating to medical and health services, from both before and after the establishment of the National Health Service (1948). Sub-sections deal with the medical aspects of industrial injuries and diseases, including the assessment of claims for compensation (4.1.1; for the inspection of factories and mines and the enforcement of preventive measures see section 6.4); the inspection and licensing of anatomy schools (4.1.2); the inspection and licensing of institutions practising vivisection (4.1.3); the manufacture, use and control of drugs (4.1.4); medical education (4.1.5); the work of educational psychologists (4.1.6); and mental illness and mental deficiency, including classes of records from special hospitals (4.1.7).

Section 4.2 lists classes of records relating to water supply, sewerage, land drainage and flooding. Sub-sections deal with water pollution (4.2.1; for pollution generally see section 4.3), and hydraulics research relating to rivers, coasts, harbours and bridge and weir design (4.2.2).

Section 4.3 lists classes of records relating to environmental pollution and pollution control generally, including air pollution.

Section 4.4 lists classes of records relating to fire services and research relating to fires. For further records on these matters, see Part A, section 6.

Section 4.5 lists classes of records relating to government building and building controls, the responsibility of the

Office, later the Ministry, of Works. Sub-sections deal with building research and technical publications (4.5.1); historic buildings and ancient monuments, including their preservation and renovation (4.5.2); and the assessment of claims for war damage to buildings (4.5.3).

Section 4.6 lists classes of records relating to housing, including design and construction and slum clearance.

Section 4.7 lists classes of records relating to planning matters, including the location of offices and the development of new towns.

Section 4.8 lists classes of records relating to surveying and cartography, including the records of the Geological Survey and the Ordnance Survey.

Section 4.9 lists classes of records relating to meteorology and meteorological services. The Meteorological Office has been since 1919 a department of the Air Ministry and further records relating to it are in the class AIR2 (see Part A, section 5).

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Welsh Office: Local Authority Files (LA Series)
1854-1972 1506 files and maps
General policy and case files relating to the control exercised by central government over a wide range of local government environmental and public health services in Wales, including housing, water supply, and sewerage, coast protection and flooding. BD11

Local Government Board: "O" Files
1852-1957 1582 boxes
Files instituted before 1919 by the Local Government Board and its predecessors relating to local authorities and their services. Subjects covered include housing and slum clearance; public health; water supply, sewerage and drainage; highways; burial grounds and mortuaries; and slaughterhouses. See also HLG46. HLG1

Ministry of Health: Special Wartime Functions
1925-54 1053 files, etc.
Files relating to certain wartime functions of the Ministry of Health. Subjects covered include civil defence; manpower; evacuation and billeting; emergency hospitals; and emergency water supplies. HLG7

Bill Papers
1840-1939 262 volumes
Papers relating to bills sponsored by the Local Government Board and the Ministry of Health between 1871 and 1939, including correspondence, drafts, amendments and memoranda. Subjects covered include housing, public health and water supply. HLG29

"O" Files: General Policy and Procedure
1852-1927 135 files, etc.
Files instituted before 1919 by the Local Government Board and its predecessors relating to a wide variety of local authority functions including housing; public health; water supply and drainage; and burial grounds. Related local authority files are in HLG1. HLG46

Local Government Services: Correspondence and Papers
1904-65 1080 files
Files relating to the provision of various

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(continued) local authority services, including public cleansing, highways, electricity and gas undertakings, fire services, and sea defences. HLG51

Local Government Administration and Finance: General Policy and Procedure
1898-1967 1584 files
General policy files relating to a wide variety of functions connected with local government administration and financing. Subjects covered include building and building regulations and various questions related to planning and planning controls. For local authority files see HLG53. HLG52

Local Government Administration and Finance: Local Authority Files
1914-66 289 files
Files of local authorities relating to subjects similar to those described under HLG52. HLG53

Bill Papers: Local Authorities
1913-62 525 files
Reports and papers relating to provisional orders and parliamentary bills submitted by local authorities, water undertakings, railway companies and other bodies. The bills cover a wide range of subjects including town planning and development; water, gas and electricity supply; sewerage and sewage disposal; transport, roads, bridges, tunnels, and railways; and fisheries and harbours. HLG54

100,000 Series Files
1919-59 150 files
Files originally given a security classification by the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. They cover a wide variety of functions including building, housing, pollution, and water supply and sewage. HLG68

Miscellaneous Files: 99,000 Series
1916-67 357 files
General policy files on miscellaneous topics not readily assigned to, or cutting across, subject series of files. Among the more important subjects covered are the post-war building and civil engineering programme, standardisation and

(continued) the distribution of industry and industrial population. Some files were later re-registered and are now in HLG117 (see section 4.5 below). HLG102

Ministry of Housing and Local Government: Public Health Administration Files
1920-66 60 files
General files on public health matters which became the responsibility of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, including infestation, administration of the Registered Flock Acts, 1911-51, and inspection of hop field health conditions. HLG108

General Health Questions, 95001-96200 Series Files
1928-63 15 files
Files dealing with general health operations which became the responsibility of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Subjects covered include physical recreation, noise abatement and international agencies dealing with environmental health. HLG109

General Board of Health Minute Books
1848-56 12 volumes
Minutes of formal proceedings of the Board, established in 1848 with powers to create local boards of health in areas of high mortality. The boards were concerned with sanitation, sewerage, drainage, water supply, streets, burial grounds, and the regulation of offensive trades. The General Board of Health was wound up in 1858. Rough minute books are in the class MH6. See also MH13. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH5

Health of Towns Commission
1843-45 1 volume
A minute book of the Royal Commission on the Health of Towns and Populous Places, which was appointed in 1843 and reported in 1844 and 1845. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH7

Poor Law Unions and Local Authorities
1833-1909 16741 volumes
Correspondence of the Poor Law Commission and Board and the Local Government Board

(continued) with poor law unions and other local authorities. The papers cover the whole range of poor law matters (including medical matters) and after 1871 include local government and public health administration. The papers are arranged alphabetically under counties and poor law unions. Subject indexes to the papers are in MH15. Lists of piece numbers 1-5404 published by the List and Index Society, vol.56; of piece numbers 5405-11241, vol.64; and of piece numbers 11242-16741, vol.77. MH12

General Board of Health and Local Government Act Office: Correspondence
1846-71 272 volumes
Correspondence with local authorities and other government departments relating to the provision and administration of public health, sanitary and other services. A few volumes relate to special subjects such as cholera and yellow fever. See also MH5. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH13

Government Offices: Correspondence and Papers
1834-1909 280 boxes and volumes
Correspondence of the Poor Law Commission and Board and the Local Government Board with other government departments relating to poor law matters and, after 1871, to public health and local government services. Some volumes relate to specific subjects such as anthrax, cholera, leprosy, plague, smallpox, yellow fever and quarantine. Registers of these papers are in MH20. See also MH98. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH19

Notification of Infectious Diseases
1877-96 3 volumes
Papers relating to the compulsory notification of infectious diseases, the rendering of tabulated weekly returns and additions to the diseases compulsorily notifiable. See also MH48. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH23

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Poor Law Commission and Board and Local Government Board: Miscellaneous Correspondence and Papers

1854-1900 183 volumes

Correspondence and papers from miscellaneous individuals and organisations relating to poor law administration and, after 1871, public health and local government services. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH25

County Registers: Correspondence and Papers

1872-1904 297 volumes

Records of the dealings of the Local Government Board with county authorities in England and Wales, relating to local government and public health services. They include reports from medical officers of health and from county analysts. Registers of the papers are in MH31. See also MH48. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH30

Assistant Poor Law Commissioners' and Inspectors' Correspondence

1834-1904 118 volumes

Correspondence of the Poor Law Commission and Board with assistant poor law commissioners and of the Local Government Board with its general, medical, engineering and other inspectors. Registers of the correspondence are in MH33. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH32

Public Health and Poor Law Services: Local Authority Correspondence, Series I

1868-1935 523 files

Files of correspondence with local authorities relating to administrative and medical aspects of public health, including poor law medical services. Subjects covered include the appointment of medical officers of health and inspectors of nuisances; sanatoria; isolation hospitals; infectious and venereal diseases; maternity and child welfare; and poor law infirmaries. Earlier papers are in MH12 and 30; later papers are in MH52. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH48

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Public Health and Poor Law Services (Local Authority Series): Files of Correspondence, Series II

1913-66 754 files

Files similar to those in MH48, but originating mainly in the Ministry of Health. List of piece numbers 1-410 published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH52

Public Health Services

1853-1969 2174 files, etc.

Files, mostly created after 1919, relating to the administration of public health services. Subjects covered include blind welfare, cancer, maternity and child welfare, nursing, health surveys, hospitals, infectious diseases (including tuberculosis), medical inspection of aliens, midwifery, vaccination, and propaganda. There are also some port health authority case files and reports of medical officers of health and port inspectors. List of piece numbers 1-893 published by the List and Index Society, vol.99. MH55

Commissioner for Special Areas: Correspondence

1934-60 93 files

Files relating to administration in the depressed or "special" areas - Tyneside, Durham, the Cumberland coalfield and South Wales in the 1930s and 1940s. Subjects covered include medical services, public health, work schemes, and housing projects. MH61

Local Government Act 1929: Public Health Survey

1930-43 1084 files and volumes

Records of the survey undertaken to ensure that local authority health services were efficient. The class includes correspondence, reports of surveys for individual authorities, and in some cases annual reports of medical officers of health. List of pieces 1-1055 published by the List and Index Society, vol.99. MH66

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Welsh Board of Health: Registered Files
1872-1973 1800 files
Files relating to the provision and administration of poor law, blind welfare, maternity and child welfare, public health, emergency, food and drug, and hospital services in Wales. See also MH97. MH96

Welsh Board of Health: Annual Reports of the Medical Officers of Health in Wales
1877-1922 180 files
Annual reports for the years 1877-1919. Later annual reports were printed and published. See also MH96. MH97

Reports on Foreign Epidemics
1805-82 25 volumes
Correspondence and reports, mainly from British consular staff, relating to foreign epidemics, including mortality statistics and tables showing the extent of the disease. See also MH19. MH98

War Diaries
1938-46 60 folders
Diaries relating to the wartime operations of the Ministry and its regional offices. Subjects covered include housing, public health, water supply and sewerage, food and drugs, and maternity and child welfare. MH101

Buchanan Papers
1859-1908 50 volumes
Papers of George Seaton Buchanan MD, FRCP (1869-1936), who was a medical inspector of the Local Government Board, 1895; chief inspector of foods, 1906-11; chief assistant medical officer, 1911-19; and senior medical officer of the Ministry of Health, 1919-34. The papers consist of volumes of reports and diagrams of the sanitary arrangements in private dwellings, slaughterhouses, ships and common lodging houses, and investigations into outbreaks of infectious diseases. MH113

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Royal Commission on the National Health Service 1976 to 1979
1976-79 3638 files
Papers of the Commission established in 1976 "to consider in the interests of the patients and those who work in the National Health Service the best use and management of the financial and manpower resources of the National Health Service". See also CN2. [Most of the evidence submitted to the Commission is open immediately.] BS6

Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital
1861-1972 251 volumes
Records of the Hospital including minutes of various committees (including the Medical Council), files of general correspondence and papers and registers and reports on staff and patients. CF1

Photographic Extracts: BS Group
1976 1 folder
Photographs from the records of the Royal Commission on the National Health Service (BS6) illustrating unsatisfactory conditions in famous English hospitals. CN2

Special Services: School Health Services: Local Education Authority Files
1924-70 721 files
Files relating to various aspects of the school health and medical services, including files on school clinics and child guidance. ED137

Industrial Health Services Committee (Dale Committee)
1949-50 81 files
Records of the Committee set up in 1949 to examine the relationship between the health services provided for the population at large and the industrial health services. The Committee's report was published in 1950 as Cmd.8170. LAB 33

General Health Questions
1910-63 417 files and volumes
Files relating to general health questions including the medical inspection of aliens, anatomy, dentistry, drugs, lunacy and mental deficiency, medical education, poisons and pharmacy, population trends, professional registration, therapeutic substances, and voluntary hospitals. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.99. MH58

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Various Committees
1927-41 56 files
Records of various committees set up by the Ministry of Health, and of interdepartmental committees on which it was represented, including the Advisory Committee on Medical Questions (1929-34); the committee on the rehabilitation of persons injured in accidents (1936-39); the committee on abortion (1937-39); and the committee on nurses and nursing (1935-39). List published by the List and Index Society, vol.99. MH71

Consultative Councils
1918-26 49 files
Files relating to the English Consultative Councils for Medical and Allied Services, Local Health Administration, and General Health Questions and the Welsh Consultative Council, together with minutes and reports of the Councils. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.99. MH73

Emergency Medical Services
1935-61 617 files
Files relating to the provision of emergency medical services, particularly in the Second World War. Subjects covered include hospitals and first aid posts, personnel, supplies, equipment and specialised services. See also MH79. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.99. MH76

National Health Service: Post War Planning and National Health Service Act 1946
1940-61 200 files
Files relating to the establishment of the National Health Service, including a preliminary survey of hospitals and the early planning of post-war health policy. List of pieces 1-193 published by the List and Index Society, vol.99. MH77

100,000 Series Files
1913-61 634 files
Selected files from the Ministry's 100,000 Series of confidential files. Many relate to the planning and operation of wartime medical services,

(continued) but others relate to a wide variety of health, public assistance, health insurance and pensions matters. List of pieces 1-633 published by the List and Index Society, vol.99. MH79

National Health Insurance Administration: Series I
1912-49 119 files
Files relating to local insurance and medical committees, the British Medical Association, etc., including some files relating to schemes for medical research. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.99. MH81

Central Council for Health Education
1927-69 211 volumes
Records of the Council, established in 1927 to provide expert personnel, advice and material to assist local authorities to educate people in health matters. MH82

Case Files: Hospital Management Committees
1923-63 108 files
Correspondence of the Ministry of Health with four selected hospital management committees, which were responsible for the control and management of a single hospital or group of hospitals. Most files were opened after the inception of the National Health Service in 1948. MH87

Case Files: Regional Hospital Boards
1924-64 237 files
Correspondence of the Ministry of Health with two selected regional hospital boards, which were responsible for the overall provision of hospital services in their regions. Regional hospital boards were replaced by the regional health authorities, with a much broader scope, in 1974. MH88

Case Files: Boards of Governors of Teaching Hospitals
1947-64 123 files
Correspondence of the Ministry of Health with the boards of governors of teaching hospitals, responsible for the management and control of those hospitals which, in addition to providing

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(continued) the usual hospital services, provided clinical facilities for training doctors and dentists. See also MH93. MH89

General Files: Boards of Governors of Teaching Hospitals
1947-62 57 files
General files relating to the management of teaching hospitals and the provision of adequate facilities for teaching medical students, including statistical reports. See also MH89. MH93

Hospital Services (Ancillary)
1945-65 49 files
Files covering all aspects of hospital services, including medical and surgical treatment, medicines, ambulances, maternity care, surgical appliances, etc., and other services of an ancillary nature. MH99

Ministry of Pensions: Disablement Services Branch Records
1916-76 492 files
Files relating to the provision of aids and appliances, artificial limbs and vehicles for the disabled. PIN38

Registered Files: MD Series (Medical Division)
1947-62 13 files
Files relating to medical questions arising from National Insurance, including general medical advisory services, diagnosis of prescribed diseases, assessment of disablement, and research. PIN39

4.1.1 INDUSTRIAL INJURIES AND DISEASES

Workmen's Compensation Entry Books
1898-1921 13 volumes
Entry books of out-letters concerning the appointment of medical referees under the Workmen's Compensation Act 1897 which dealt with injuries at work. Related correspondence is in HO45 (see section 1) and PIN12. HO157

4.1.1 INDUSTRIAL INJURIES AND DISEASES

Registers of Lead, etc., Poisoning and Anthrax Cases
1900-51 52 volumes
Registers of cases of industrial diseases specified under the Factories Acts: poisoning by beryllium, cadmium, lead, phosphorus, manganese, arsenic, mercury, carbon bisulphide, aniline and benzene; compressed air illness; anthrax; toxic jaundice; toxic anaemia; epitheliomatous ulceration; and chrome ulceration. LAB56

H.M. Factory Inspectorate: Occupational Hygeine Laboratories
1923-77 49 folders
Records of research carried out in government laboratories into counts of dust particles in the atmosphere and the diseases affecting workers exposed to high dust counts. Most of the papers are the work of KL Goodall. [Records open immediately.] LAB62

Workmen's Compensation Correspondence
1900-56 121 files
Files relating to various workmen's compensation schemes and industrial diseases and injuries, including papers relating to the Silicosis Medical Board. PIN12

Registered Files: ID Series
1945-75 202 files
Files relating to insurance against industrial injuries and diseases, including papers of various committees and councils relating to industrial diseases. PIN20

Registered Files: I Series (Industrial Injuries)
1944-75 297 files
Files relating to insurance against industrial injuries and the medical assessment of industrial injury cases. PIN21

4.1.2 ANATOMY

Anatomy Entry Books
1837-76 3 volumes
Out-letters relating to the regulation of schools of anatomy, the granting of licenses to practise anatomy and the appointment of inspectors. HO83

Anatomy Acts 1832 and 1871: Registers and Files of Correspondence
1832-1963 43 volumes
Registers and correspondence relating to the lawful acquisition of bodies and licences to practise anatomy. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.99. MH74

4.1.3 VIVISECTION

Vivisection Commission
1906-12 7 bundles
Correspondence, papers and evidence presented to the Royal Commission on Vivisection, 1906-12. HO114

Vivisection Entry Books
1876-1921 55 volumes
Entry books of out-letters concerning the grant of licences. [Records closed for 100 years.] HO156

4.1.4 DRUGS

Dangerous Drugs Entry Books
1920-21 4 volumes
Entry books of out-letters relating to the control of dangerous drugs. HO177

Government Lymph Establishment
1898-1946 19 volumes and files
Selected volumes and files from the Establishment relating to the production and testing of smallpox vaccine. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.99. MH70

The Sainsbury Committee of Enquiry into the Pharmaceutical Industry
1964-67 99 files
Files of the Committee, established in 1965 to examine the relationship between the pharmaceutical industry in Great Britain and the National Health Service. MH104

4.1.4 DRUGS

Registered Files: Prescribing Investigations (B/P Series)
1950-72 15 files
A selection of files and reports illustrating the procedure and results of investigations into the prescribing of medicine by general practitioners. MH117

4.1.5 MEDICAL EDUCATION

Royal Commission on Medical Education
1965-68 233 files
Minutes, circulated papers and evidence presented to the Commission, appointed in 1965 to review undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. ED129

4.1.6 EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Working Party on Educational Psychologists
1964-68 42 files
Minutes, circulated papers and evidence presented to the Working Party, appointed in 1964 to review the work of educational psychologists employed by local authorities, their education and training. ED130

4.1.7 MENTAL ILLNESS AND MENTAL DEFICIENCY

Criminal Lunacy Warrant and Entry Books
1882-1921 36 volumes
Entry books of warrants for the removal of criminal lunatics from prison to asylums and, from 1889, of out-letters relating to criminal lunatics and staff at asylums. [Records closed for 100 years.] HO145

Committee on Mentally Abnormal Offenders
1972-75 48 files
Records of the Committee, appointed in 1972 to consider the law relating to mentally abnormal offenders and what treatment should be offered to them. HO238

Lunacy Commission and Board of Control: Minutes, etc.
1845-1960 84 volumes
Minutes of the Lunacy Commission, established in 1845 to inspect and regulate lunatic

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(continued) asylums, and of the Board of Control, which replaced the Commission in 1913 with enlarged powers including the supervision of the mental health service, and in 1930 acquired duties concerning the reception, care, treatment and discharge of patients in mental hospitals and facilities for the treatment of such cases. It was dissolved in 1960. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH50

Lunacy Commission and Board of Control: Correspondence and Papers
1798-1971 838 files, etc.
Papers of the Lunacy Commission and Board of Control (see under MH50) including reports on patients and on institutions, papers relating to research grants, returns relating to insane prisoners in gaol, and records of the Departmental Committee on Sterilisation, 1932-33. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH51

Lunacy Commission and Board of Control: Representative Case Papers of Patients
1849-1960 173 files
Case papers of various categories of mentally ill or mentally defective patients. See also MH86. [Records closed for 75 years.] MH85

Lunacy Commission and Board of Control: Patients Selected Files: Precedent Files
1880-1961 75 files
Selected case papers of patients suffering from mental illness or mental deficiency whose treatment, circumstances or status were of interest as precedents. See also MH85. [Records closed for 75 years.] MH86

Board of Control: Registers of Admissions of Patients
1846-1960 228 volumes
Registers of the admission of mental patients, giving name and sex, the name of the institution and the dates of admission and discharge, or death. Further information on the medical and legal circumstances of each patient is recorded in the patients' diaries, also preserved in this class. MH94

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Board of Control: Monthly Conference Notes

1940-55 17 files

Agenda notes and summaries of the principal points discussed at monthly meetings of the Board, its commissioners and inspectors, relating to general matters for which the Board was responsible. MH100

Special Hospitals: Patients' Selected Files

1913-73 278 files

Case files of patients at the special hospitals for the criminally insane at Broadmoor, Rampton and Moss Side. [Records closed for 75 years.] MH103

Board of Control: Special Hospitals: Registered Files

1895-1967 163 files

Files relating to the administration of the special hospitals for the criminally insane at Broadmoor, Rampton and Moss Side, including annual and inspection reports and files on patient welfare. [Some files are closed for 75 years.] MH118

4.2 WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, AND LAND DRAINAGE

Water Resources Board: Files

1938-74 416 files

The Board was established in 1964, with the function of planning the development of water resources on a national basis. Its duties included the gathering of information about potential supplies and probable future demand for water, deciding on action to augment supplies and commissioning and carrying out research. This class contains policy files and papers relating to regional studies of water resources in the North West, South Wales and the Midlands, and investigations into desalination. See also HLG68 (section 4). AT2

Water Resources Board: Publications

1964-78 64 books and pamphlets

These include technical notes and memoranda on water supplies, studies of barrage schemes, pollution and river flows, etc. See also HLG68 (section 4). AT5

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Water and Sewerage: Correspondence and Papers
1874-1972 2726 files
Files relating to water supply, sewerage, sewage disposal, river pollution and land drainage, including reports, research data, records of geological and water surveys, legal opinions and papers relating to legislation. HLG50

Water Supply Survey: Reports and Plans
1945-58 70 volumes and portfolios
Reports giving information about existing and potential water resources and estimates of future demand. HLG113

Land Drainage and Water Supply: Correspondence and Papers
1861-1957 1964 files
Papers relating to the administration of the Land Drainage Acts and related questions, and correspondence with drainage and catchment authorities. For maps and plans see MAF77. MAF49

Land Drainage and Water Supply: Maps and Plans
1854-1981 962 maps and plans
Maps relating to the administrative areas of catchment boards, drainage districts, river boards, river authorities and water authorities. MAF77

Registered Files: Land Drainage: Administration (LDA Series)
1932-71 309 files
Files relating to administrative work and legislation concerning land drainage, coastal flooding and flood prevention. For maps see MAF77. MAF135

Registered Files: Land Drainage: Machinery and Equipment (LDM Series)
1941-66 16 files
Files relating to land drainage and pumping machinery and surveying equipment. MAF137

Registered Files: Land Drainage: Farms (LDF Series)
1940-69 29 files
Files relating to field drainage works. MAF218

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Registered Files: Flood Emergency Organisation (FEO Series)
1953-61 30 files
Files relating to the Organisation, constituted to deal with matters arising from the East Coast flood disaster of 1953. MAF220

Flood Disaster 1953: Unregistered Papers
1946-59 44 files
Papers relating to the East Coast flood disaster of 1953. MAF221

Registered Files: Land Drainage and Water Supplies (LDW Series)
1921-75 279 files
Files relating to coast protection and arterial drainage works; reclamation of land; erosion and accretion of land; and flood protection schemes. MAF222

Lower Thames Valley Main Sewerage Board
1874-86 5 volumes
Papers relating to a scheme to unite certain sanitary districts in the Thames Valley for main sewerage purposes; the Board was established in 1877 but dissolved as a result of strong opposition in 1885. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH24

Metropolitan Waterworks
1872-1904 54 volumes
Papers relating to the water supply for London, and to legislation culminating in the establishment of the Metropolitan Water Board in 1902. Registers of these papers are in MH59. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH29

4.2.1 WATER POLLUTION

Water Pollution Research Board: Reports
1915-65 1127 files
Reports on research into the prevention of the pollution of rivers and other sources of water supply by industrial

4.2.1 WATER POLLUTION

(continued) effluents and sewage. Some of the research was conducted under the direct supervision of the Board, which was established in 1927; other research was conducted by outside organisations such as Rothamsted Experimental Station, the Marine Biological Station, the London School of Hygeine and Tropical Medicine and the Freshwater Biological Association. For files relating to the Board's work see DSIR13. AY2

Water Pollution Research Board and Laboratory
1920-67 386 files
Files relating to research carried out by universities and the Laboratory into the prevention of the pollution of rivers and other sources of water supply by industrial effluents and sewage, and on other matters affecting the purity of water supplies. For reports see AY2. DSIR13

4.2.2 HYDRAULICS RESEARCH

Hydraulics Research Station: Registered Files
1945-57 133 files, maps, and photographs
Files relating to the Station, opened in 1951 and the Hydraulics Research Board, established in 1947, and their work on the problems of forecasting changes to natural or artificial boundaries of rivers, coasts or harbours, the effects of bridge and weir design, and the long-term effects of siltation and dredging. AY17

Hydraulics Research Board
1947-63 41 files
Files relating to the work of the Board, responsible for research work on rivers, coasts, harbours, and bridge and weir design. DSIR39

4.3 POLLUTION AND POLLUTION CONTROL GENERALLY

Reports
1971-79 7 reports
Reports of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution presented to Parliament. Subjects covered include industrial pollution; pollution of estuaries; pollution control; air pollution; nuclear power and pollution; and agriculture and pollution. [Records open immediately.] CY1

Atmospheric Pollution Research Committee
1912-58 78 files and volumes
Files relating to research into atmospheric pollution by smoke and chemical pollutants. DSIR14

Air Pollution and Smoke Abatement: Correspondence and Papers
1914-69 69 files
Papers relating to smoke abatement and air pollution caused by domestic smoke, industrial process smoke and smoke from industrial steam raising plant. HLG55

4.4 FIRE SERVICES AND FIRE RESEARCH

Fire Research Station: Reports and Papers
1944-73 84 volumes and folders
Reports and papers with statistical analyses of fires and research into the causes, prevention and elimination of fires. The records were created by the Fire Research Group, established in the Second World War in the Ministry of Home Security and by the Joint Fire Research Organisation, formed shortly after the War by the Government and the fire insurance companies. The Organisation's work was supervised by the Fire Research Board, whose minutes and papers are also in the class. AY1

Home Office: Fire Services
1912-56 1799 files and volumes
Files relating to the general direction by the Home Office of local authority fire services and to the organisation of the National Fire Serice during the Second World War. Subjects covered include equipment and stores; training; and fire control and prevention. HO187

4.4 FIRE SERVICES AND FIRE RESEARCH

Ministry of Home Security: Fire Services, London Region
1939-45 14 files
Files relating to the London fire services and particularly to the supply of water. HO209

4.5 BUILDING: GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND BUILDING CONTROLS

Works Departments: General Letter Books
1730-1881 168 volumes
Entry books of in-and out-letters of the Office of Works to 1832 and thereafter of out-letters only. The letters cover all aspects of building and estate management. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.59. WORK1

Miscellaneous Letter Books
1685-1923 47 volumes
Entry books of letters relating to various buildings and projects, including Buckingham Palace, the Geological Survey and the Royal Parks. List of pieces 1-10 published by the List and Index Society, vol.59. WORK3

Minutes
1715-1832 31 volumes
Journals of proceedings of the Board of Works, covering all aspects of its activities. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.59. WORK4

Miscellanea
1609-1956 431 volumes, etc.
Papers relating to a wide variety of services and projects including the maintenance of government buildings, royal palaces, monuments and memorials, churches and chapels, military establishments, prisons, roads and bridges, and metropolitan improvements. List of pieces 1-423 published by the List and Index Society, vol.59. WORK6

Public Buildings Overseas
1834-1976 361 files, boxes, etc.
Papers relating to buildings for embassies, consulates and other establishments

4.5 BUILDING: GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND BUILDING CONTROLS

(continued) overseas, including acquisition, construction and conversion, equipment, furnishing, and maintenance. Related maps and plans are in WORK40. List of pieces 1-107 published by the List and Index Society, vol.59. WORK10

Houses of Parliament
1709-1971 601 boxes, files, etc.
Papers relating to the maintenance of the old Houses of Parliament; the fire of 1834; and the design, erection, decoration, equipment and maintenance of the new Houses of Parliament. Related maps and plans are in WORK29. List of pieces 1-408 published by the List and Index Society, vol.59. WORK11

Public Buildings, England and Wales
1731-1971 389 boxes, files, etc.
Papers, and some plans, relating to government buildings, courts of law and other public buildings in England and Wales, including their acquisition, design, construction and conversion, equipment, furnishing, and maintenance. Related maps and plans are in WORK30. List of pieces 1-276 published by the List and Index Society, vol.65. WORK12

Deeds, etc.: Series III (Contract Rolls)
1844-1951 1395 rolls, etc.
Original contracts for the erection and maintenance of various public buildings and royal residences, with specifications of work and material and architects' drawings. WORK13

Osborne Estate
1902-69 146 files, etc.
Papers relating to the administration of the Osborne Estate, Isle of Wight, and the maintenance of the buildings on it. Related maps and plans are in WORK37. List of pieces 1-111 published by the List and Index Society, vol.65. WORK15

Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens
1736-1972 1948 boxes, files, etc.
Papers relating to the management and maintenance of the royal parks and other open spaces and the buildings in them. Related maps and plans are in WORK32. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.79. WORK16

4.5 BUILDING: GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND BUILDING CONTROLS

Art and Science Buildings
1794-1971 430 boxes and files
Papers relating to the acquisition, design, construction and conversion, equipment and maintenance of museums, galleries, the Imperial College of Science, the National Physical Laboratory and other research institutes. Related maps and plans are in WORK33. List of pieces 1-251 published by the List and Index Society, vol.79. WORK17

Royal Palaces
1689-1972 1250 files, etc.
Papers relating to buildings, fittings, services, repairs and management in connection with royal palaces. Related maps and plans are in WORK34. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.79. WORK19

Statues and Memorials
1810-1971 295 boxes, files, etc.
Papers relating to the erection and maintenance of public statues and memorials. Related maps and plans are in WORK35. List of pieces 1-232 published by the List and Index Society, vol.79. WORK20

Administration (General) and Establishment
1802-1972 363 files, etc.
Files relating to general policy matters including contracts, finance and supplies, and to general administrative matters. Also included are some papers relating to the building of coast guard stations, grain silos, hostels, and oil pipelines. Lists of pieces 1-59 and 119-37 published by the List and Index Society, vol.79. WORK22

Festival of Britain
1948-52 286 pieces
Records relating to the planning and administration of the Festival of Britain, 1951, including the design and erection of its buildings. WORK25

Public Buildings, Northern Ireland
1921-58 24 boxes and files
Papers relating to the acquisition, design, construction and conversion, equipment

4.5 BUILDING: GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND BUILDING CONTROLS

(continued) and maintenance of public buildings in Northern Ireland. Related maps and plans are in WORK42. List of pieces 1-16 published by the List and Index Society, vol.79. WORK27

Maps and Plans: Miscellaneous
1662-1927 342 maps
Maps and plans of various buildings and property not included in the specific categories noted elsewhere. Buildings include asylums, barracks, bridges, cemetaries, docks and dockyards, engineering and sanitation works, prisons, the River Thames Embankment, St. Paul's Cathedral, and Westminster Abbey. WORK38

Construction Industry and Building Materials
1940-65 148 files
Papers relating to wartime control and peacetime sponsorship by the government of the building, civil engineering and building materials industries with particular reference to legislation, licensing and the collection of statistics. Included are the papers of various advisory councils and committees. List of pieces 1-64 published by the List and Index Society, vol.79. WORK45

Official History of the Second World War, Works and Buildings: Unpublished Sources
1919-45 10 files
Unpublished papers on various aspects of building and building control used in the preparation of the published official history. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.79. WORK46

Regional Building Committees Minutes
1946-62 82 files
Minutes of the various regional committees established after the Second World War to regulate and control the national building and civil engineering programme. WORK49

4.5.1 RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

Building Research Establishment Reports: Current Papers Series
1964-78 51 booklets
Published reports from the Establishment and its predecessor, the Building Research Station, covering aspects of their research and development work on building materials and methods of construction. [Records open immediately.] AY21

Technical Publications
1973-77 7 booklets
The Building and Civil Engineering Feedback Digests issued by the Property Services Agency to circulate information on construction in order to eliminate construction and design faults. CM1

Building Research: Correspondence and Papers
1919-66 3357 files
Files relating to building research, mainly from the Building Research Station, which is responsible for research for advancing efficiency and economy in building and civil engineering. Subjects covered range from acoustics and aluminium to vibration. DSIR4

Education Departments: Architects and Building Branch Publications
1968-76 24 volumes and pamphlets
Technical publications on the design and building of educational premises. [Records open immediately.] ED173

4.5.2 HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND ANCIENT MONUMENTS

Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments Files
1919-71 78 files
Files relating to historic buildings and ancient monuments, covering such subjects as liaison with the Ministry of Works, listing and grading of buildings, architectural advice, preservation and renovation. HLG103

4.5.2 HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND ANCIENT MONUMENTS

Ancient Monuments Board for England
Records not yet received in PRO. WORK47

Ancient Monuments Board for Wales
1914-24 1 volume
Minutes of the Board. WORK48

Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings
1699-1979 2688 files, etc.
Papers relating to the upkeep of ancient monuments and historic buildings. List of pieces 1-1385 published by the List and Index Society, vol.65. WORK14

4.5.3 WAR DAMAGE

War Damage Commission: Policy Files
1940-71 1460 files
Policy files of the Commission, set up in 1941 to make payments in respect of damage as a result of the war. Some files deal with various technical matters arising from the assessment of damage and compensation. IR34

War Damage Commission: Investigation Files
1941-64 395 files
A selection of case files relating to inquiries into claims for compensation for war damage where irregularities were suspected. [Records closed for 75 years.] IR35

War Damage Commission: Miscellaneous Files
1941-69 198 files
A selection of compensation case files which, because of their importance or complexity were dealt with at headquarters, together with some general correspondence. IR36

War Damage Commission: Regional Files
1940-70 538 files
A selection of compensation case files covering notable buildings and a representative cross-section of other properties. IR37

4.5.3 WAR DAMAGE

War Damage Commission: Instructions, Orders, etc.
1941-68 16 files and booklets
Instructions, orders, etc., issued by the Commission to its regional offices and technical advisers. IR38

4.6 HOUSING

Central Housing Advisory Committee: Minutes and Papers
1935-55 31 files, etc.
Records of the Committee, established in 1935 to advise the Minister on housing matters generally. The Committee was abolished in 1975. HLG36

Central Housing Advisory Committee: Records of Sub-Committees
1935-60 93 files
Records of sub-committees dealing with subjects including construction; demolition; domestic equipment; house conversion; house and flat design; and general housing matters. HLG37

London Housing Survey (Milner Holland) Committee
1962-65 154 files
Records of the Committee appointed in 1963 to survey the housing situation in Greater London, with particular reference to the use, maintenance, and management of rented accommodation. HLG39

Housing Orders Correspondence and Papers
1910-63 930 files
Files relating to the problem of slum clearance, overcrowding and redevelopment of land for housing and other purposes. The files also contain reports of housing inspectors and medical officers of health and local authority surveys of slum conditions. HLG47

Housing Finance Correspondence and Papers
1918-71 961 files
Files relating to the financial provision for house-building by local authorities, housing associations and other bodies. HLG48

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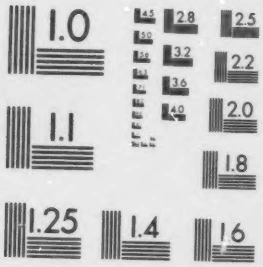
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4.6 HOUSING

Housing Proposals and Schemes: Correspondence and Papers
1905-71 1498 files
Files relating to measures for the planned development of housing programmes and schemes. HLG49

Inter-Departmental Committee on House Construction
1942-47 16 files
Records of the Committee, formed in 1942 to consider materials and methods of construction suitable for the building of houses and flats having regard to efficiency, economy and speed of erection. HLG94

Housing Files: 92000 Series
1920-65 617 files
General files dealing with housing policy and related topics, including building research, construction, materials and heating appliances. Some files in this series were later re-registered and are now in HLG117. HLG101

Housing Files: H Series: Policy Files
1942-70 18 files
General policy files re-registered from the 92000 and 99000 series (see HLG101 and HLG102) relating to housing questions including building and research and development on housing design. HLG117

4.7 PLANNING

Location of Offices Bureau: Research Department Papers
1966-73 11 volumes and booklets
Reports of surveys and studies carried out by the Bureau's research department into commuting, office location and development outside London, and the relocation of office staff. [The reports are open immediately.] AH3

Location of Offices Bureau: Research Consultants: Reports
1964-78 10 volumes and booklets
Reports of surveys and studies carried out by various consultants on behalf of the Bureau. [The reports are open immediately.] AH4

4.7 PLANNING

New Towns Committee (Reith Committee)
1945-47 23 files
Records of the Committee, established in 1945 to consider the general questions of the establishment, development, organisation, and administration arising from the promotion of new towns. HLG84

Greater London Plan 1944 (Professor Abercrombie's Correspondence)
1941-45 35 files
Working papers of Professor Patrick Abercrombie for his planning survey of London which formed the basis of the Greater London Plan published in 1944. HLG85

4.8 SURVEYING AND CARTOGRAPHY

Ordnance Survey Review Committee
1971-79 81 files
Papers of the inter-departmental committee set up in 1978 to examine the organisation, policies and operation of the Ordnance Survey, and in particular the extent to which it might operate on the basis of financial targets. [Evidence submitted to the Committee, factual papers and comments on evidence by Ordnance Survey are open immediately.] BS13

Geological Survey Board
1853-1955 112 files
Files from the Board and the Geological Museum relating to the geological survey; the drawing of maps; the preparation of descriptive papers and handbooks; the examination of boreholes; the conservation of rocks and minerals with a realisation of their industrial applications; the investigation of underground water supplies; work for the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, and the answering of general enquiries. DSIR9

Ordnance Survey: Correspondence and Papers
1791-1975 981 boxes, files, etc.
Papers relating to administrative, technical and scientific matters concerning the Ordnance Survey and its work. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] OS1

4.8 SURVEYING AND CARTOGRAPHY

Old Triangulation Records
1813-1945 698 volumes
Books and diagrams recording the exact positions of, and calculated distances between, stations of the Old Triangulation, which was superceded by the Retriangulation begun in 1935 and completed in 1965. Many of the diagrams also show rays indicating intervisibility between adjacent stations. Some books contain calculations necessary to construct the framework of one inch and six inch maps. OS2

Miscellanea
1756-1979 111 files, plans, etc.
These include military and scientific papers of Major-General William Roy (1726-90), originally of the Royal Engineers, who became Surveyor-General of Coasts; plans connected with surveys of Jerusalem between 1865 and 1869 by Captain Charles W. Wilson, and with a survey under the Palestine Exploration Fund, 1925; plans in connection with the Royal Commission on London Traffic, 1907; specimen items of loose material illustrating the various stages in revising county series maps; progress reports, articles, papers and leaflets. OS3

Area Documents: County Series: Parish Acreage Lists
1870-1974 171 volumes
Books listing the total areas of land, inland water, saltmarsh, foreshore and tidal water in each parish, forming the authoritative documents from which area statistics were obtained for all official purposes. [Records open after 5 years.] OS4

Magnetic Surveys
1914-33 12 books
Locating details for Magnetic Survey Stations, computations to find the geographical co-ordinates and azimuths for the stations and calculations to obtain the magnetic variations of various points in Great Britain. OS6

Progress and Annual Reports
1855-1979 125 booklets
Reports of progress in the work of the Ordnance Survey and Annual Reports, which have been published since 1939-40. [Records open immediately.] OS9

4.8 SURVEYORS AND CARTOGRAPHY

Policy Papers and Statements
1947-69 13 files
Files on the quarter inch and half inch maps, on triangulation, and on research and development. OS11

Technical Records
Records not yet received in PRO. OS12

Directorate of Field Surveys: Branch Files
1944-62 11 files
Branch files relating to field survey work, including triangulation and levelling, resurvey, overhaul and revision, and air survey. OS13

4.9 METEOROLOGY

Kew Observatory: Correspondence and Papers
1821-1968 439 files and volumes
Records reflecting the work of the Observatory when under the superintendence of the British Association for the Advancement of Science and the Royal Society in the nineteenth century, its period as the Observatory Department of the National Physical Laboratory (1900-13) and as the Central Observatory of the Meteorological Office from 1913. The records cover all aspects of the Observatory's work in meteorological observation and instrumentation, as well as more general correspondence and administrative files. BJ1

Sir James Clark Ross: Correspondence and Papers
1834-60 12 files
A small quantity of Ross's personal correspondence and papers, mainly related to the expedition he led to make a magnetic survey of the Antarctic region; later papers relate to the search for Sir John Franklin's expedition. BJ2

Sir Edward Sabine: Correspondence and Papers
1818-77 80 files and volumes
Personal letters and papers and some official correspondence of Sabine's Magnetic Department, relating mainly to the establishment of and liaison with magnetic observatories overseas. BJ3

4.9 METEOROLOGY

Ministry of Defence: Meteorological Research Flight
1947-65 21 files
Specimens of readings taken during research flights to gather information for use in the preparation of weather reports. Since 1965 the readings have been recorded on automatic equipment. BJ4

Administrative Records
1910-67 292 files
These administrative records include files dealing with international co-operation in meteorological and oceanographic research and some technical research reports as well as papers relating to meteorological intelligence in the Second World War. BJ5

Meteorological Charts
1839-61 3 charts and 1 volume
Charts prepared by Admiral Robert Fitzroy relating to the storm of 1859 in which the iron ship the Royal Charter was wrecked off Anglesey. See also BJ7. BJ6

Fitzroy Papers
1843-81 58 files
Official and scientific papers of Vice-Admiral Robert Fitzroy (1805-65), superintendent of the Meteorological Department of the Board of Trade from its foundation in 1854 to his death in 1865. Apart from one box of semi-official correspondence of 1843-57 from Admiral CR Moorsom, the papers relate entirely to Fitzroy's career after 1854. They include weather charts and reports of scientific observations on meteorology and hydrography. BJ7

5. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

In the nineteenth century various government departments acquired responsibilities relating to transport. The Local Government Board oversaw local provision of highways and bridges (see section 4), while the Board of Trade regulated railways, shipping and docks and harbours. The need to improve the national road system led in 1910 to the establishment of the Road Board, with powers to construct new roads and make grants for road improvement. Both railways and shipping were regulated to an unprecedented degree during the First World War, the latter through the newly-created Ministry of Shipping. After the war, a new Ministry of Transport was created, to take over all powers and duties relating to railways and tramways; canals and inland waterways; roads, bridges, ferries and vehicles thereon; and docks and harbours. Responsibility for shipping returned to the Board of Trade, but in 1941 it passed to a new Ministry of War Transport. In the Second World War, even more than in the First, inland transport and shipping services were subject to heavy central control.

After the War, in 1947, the railways, long-distance road haulage, some omnibus services, docks and inland waterways, and public transport in London were nationalised and the British Transport Commission established as a policy-making and directing body. When the Commission was abolished in 1962 five new public authorities were created to run the railways; publicly-owned docks and harbours; inland waterways; London Transport; and publicly-owned road haulage and road passenger companies.

The encouragement, development and control of civil aviation until 1945 was the responsibility of the Air Ministry, which was also responsible for military aviation and the Royal Air Force. A new Ministry of Civil Aviation was formed in 1945, and this in turn was merged with the Ministry of Transport in 1953. Civil aviation was again split off from other transport responsibilities in 1959, when civil aviation functions were transferred to a new Ministry of Aviation (see Part A, section 2), whence they were again transferred in 1966 to the Board of Trade; since 1970 they have been the responsibility of the Department of Trade and Industry.

Responsibility for shipping policy and regulation passed from the Ministry of Transport to the Board of Trade in 1965.

The development and control of telephone and telecommunications services were from the late nineteenth century the responsibility of the General Post Office, which was later made responsible for broad questions of policy relating to broadcasting services. The records of the Post Office, preserved at its headquarters in St. Martin's le Grand, London, EC1, are not included in this guide. A Minister of Posts and Telecommunications was appointed in 1969, but since 1974 regulatory and policy-making functions have been undertaken by the Home Office.

Section 5 lists classes of records relating to transport and communications generally and the planning of transport policy and services.

Section 5.1 lists classes of records relating to roads, road traffic and road transport, including safety matters. Sub-sections deal with highways and highway engineering (5.1.1); and with road transport and omnibus services (5.1.2).

Section 5.2 lists classes of records relating to railways. These fall into three main groups: the records of the Board of Trade and Ministry of Transport relating to the regulation and inspection of railways; the records of individual railway companies inherited by the British Transport Commission when railways were nationalised; and the records of the British Transport Commission and British Railways Board since nationalisation.

Section 5.3 lists classes of records relating to the regulation of shipping, shipping policy and sea transport, including the records of nationalised shipping services and records relating to maritime research.

Section 5.4 lists classes of records relating to ports, inland waterways and ferries, including records of canal and dock companies which were nationalised in 1947.

Section 5.5 lists classes or records relating to civil aviation: as explained above, these contain some records relating also to military aviation. Sub-sections deal with aircraft design and development (5.5.1); with accident investigation (5.5.2); with airports (5.5.3); and with air services (5.5.4).

Section 5.6 lists classes relating to telecommunications including classes relating to censorship of telecommunications. Sub-sections deal with broadcasting (5.6.1); and with the press (5.6.2).

5. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

British Transport Commission: Reports
1949-62 114 files and booklets
Reports submitted by various committees, study groups, etc., relating to railway operations, modernisation, electrification, etc. A few reports deal with road transport and marine services. AN8

British Transport Commission: Transport Statistics
1948-62 27 volumes and leaflets
Statistics of receipts, staff employed, rolling stock, etc., and the operating statistics of London Transport. Inland Waterways and Road Transport (Freight). Railway statistics are continued in AN20 (see section 5.2). AN12

British Transport Commission and Successor Boards: Miscellanea
1947-75 135 volumes and files
These include papers dealing with technical developments on the railways, including high speed train prototype trials. AN84

British Transport Commission: Minutes and Papers
1947-53 5 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Commission. AN85

British Transport Commission: Committees
1947-62 213 files and volumes
Minutes and circulated papers of committees, including the civil engineering committee, the docks engineers' committee, the electrical engineers' committee, the works and equipment committee, etc. AN97

Channel Tunnel Advisory Group
1972-75 10 files
Notes of meetings, correspondence, papers and evidence presented to the Group set up in 1974 to reassess the economic and financial viability of plans for the Channel Tunnel project. The Group's report was published in 1975. [Records become available in 1986.] BS1

Board of Trade: Power, Transport and Economic Department: Correspondence and Papers
1906-29 13 boxes
The papers of this short-lived department, set up in 1918 and dissolved in

(continued) 1922, include twelve papers, dating from 1906 to 1929, on the Channel Tunnel scheme. BT65

Royal Commission on Transport
1928-31 79 files
Records of the Commission, appointed in 1928 to consider the problems arising out of the growth of road traffic, with a view to securing the most efficient employment of the available means of transport. MT42

Transport Advisory Council
1934-44 84 files
Records of the Council, established in 1933 to advise and assist the Minister of Transport in matters relating to means of transport, their co-ordination, improvement and development. The Council was wound up in 1947. MT43

Geddes Papers
1919-40 210 files
Papers of Sir Eric Geddes, first Minister of Transport, relating to railways, ports, canals and ferries, roads, traffic and vehicles, and other miscellaneous subjects. MT49

Defence Planning and Emergency Transport Committees
1919-52 163 files
Papers relating to the preparation of defence measures before the Second World War affecting road and rail transport and the ports. MT50

Transport Statistics and Surveys: Magnetic Tapes
Records not yet received in PRO. MT79

Registered Files: Mechanical Engineering (ME Series)
Records not yet received in PRO. MT102

Gifts and Deposits: Mance Papers
1899-1924 33 files, etc.
Papers of Brigadier-General Sir H. Osborne Mance relating to his career in the army (1899-1918) and as an internationally-recognised communications expert at the 1919-20 Peace Conference and at various League of

5. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

(continued) Nations conventions dealing with transport problems in post-war Europe. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.70. PRO30/66

Channel Tunnel
1869-1930 95 pieces
Records relating to various schemes for building a Channel tunnel. RAIL779

Lever Papers
1910-22 74 files, etc.
Papers of Sir Hardman Lever, Treasury representative in the Ministry of Transport, 1919-21, relating to financial transactions concerning roads, railways, and canals. T186

5.1 ROAD TRANSPORT

Road Transport: Correspondence and Papers
1920-52 594 files
Files relating to various aspects of road transport, including accidents; area traffic schemes; goods transport; licensing and certification; public service vehicles; and vehicle construction and examination. MT33

Road Traffic and Safety: Correspondence and Papers
1879-1961 640 files
Files dealing with traffic and safety problems including accidents; the control of motor vehicles; road restrictions, signs and signals; street lighting; and tunnels and bridges. MT34

London Traffic Advisory Committee
1919-25 14 files
Papers of the Committee, established in 1919 to co-ordinate and improve London traffic, and of technical sub-committees which dealt with traffic regulation, improvement of street facilities, and future development. MT36

5.1 ROAD TRANSPORT

London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee
1924-63 60 files
Papers of the Committee, established in 1924 to advise and assist the Minister of Transport in the improved regulation of traffic in the London Traffic Area. MT37

Road Traffic Census
1922-53 36 files
Statistical summaries drawn from the series of traffic censuses, together with some files relating to them. [Records open immediately.] MT44

Registered Files: Road Safety
1944-74 38 files
Files relating to general aspects of road safety, including accidents and accident prevention measures and driving tests and licences. See also MT34. MT92

Registered Files: Road Transport (RT Series)
Records not yet received in PRO. MT97

Registered Files: Vehicle Safety (VS Series)
1931-75 164 files
Papers relating to vehicle and speed limit regulations and vehicle testing and inspection. MT98

Registered Files: Highways Traffic and Safety (H/TS Series)
1937-56 42 files
Papers relating to road traffic legislation, accidents and driving tests, and road safety. MT108

5.1.1 HIGHWAYS

Road Research Board
1931-65 439 files
Files relating to research into road construction materials and methods and into the wider problems of traffic flow and safety. DSIR12

CIVIL GOVERNMENT

5.1.1 HIGHWAYS

Road Research Laboratory: Reports
1933-73 532 folders

Reports relating to research into road construction materials and methods and into the wider problems of traffic flow and safety. DSIR27

Road Research Laboratory: Files
1933-79 518 files

Files relating to research projects carried out by the Laboratory and to co-operative research with outside bodies, together with minutes and papers of various committees and of the Road Research Board. DSIR28

London to Shrewsbury and Holyhead Road
1772-1951 318 volumes and plans

Papers and reports (including some from Thomas Telford) relating to the roads from London to Holyhead, to Holyhead harbour and to the Menai and Conway bridges. MT27

Road Board: Correspondence and Papers
1909-28 47 files

Papers of the Board, established in 1910 to construct new roads and to make grants to local authorities for the improvement of existing roads. The Board's functions were absorbed by the Ministry of Transport in 1919. MT38

Highways: Correspondence and Papers
1862-1967 774 files

Papers relating to the construction of motorways and trunk roads and grants to local authorities for improvement and maintenance. MT39

Highways: Maps and Plans
1920-64 172 rolls

Maps and plans for new roads and road improvement schemes, including engineers' work plans; proposed routes; and contract drawings and bridge construction diagrams. MT57

Roads Department: Unregistered Files
1920-61 63 files

Papers and technical data covering various aspects of road transport, including brakes, tyres, lights, windscreens, steering and loading, exhaust pollution, etc. MT84

5.1.1 HIGHWAYS

Registered Files: Highways Engineering (HE Series)
1933-75 169 files
Files relating to technical matters concerning trunk roads and bridges, road planning, safety, traffic signs and signals and street lighting. MT95

Registered Files: Highways Northern Division (HN Series)
1943-64 10 files
Files relating to the planning and construction of roads and bridges in the north of England. MT100

Registered Files: London Highways Division (LH Series)
Records not yet received in PRO. MT106

5.1.2 ROAD TRANSPORT AND OMNIBUS SERVICES

British Transport Commission: Road Haulage Executive: Minutes and Papers
1948-55 58 volumes
The Road Haulage Executive was formed as the Road Transport Executive under the British Transport Commission in 1947; it changed its name in 1949. It was responsible for setting up and operating a national system of long-distance road haulage based upon the integration of services previously provided by a large number of private companies. AN54

British Transport Commission: Road Passenger Executive: Minutes and Papers
1949-52 127 files and booklets
The Road Passenger Executive was established following the abolition of the Road Transport Executive in 1949 and given responsibility for preparing area schemes for the co-ordination of omnibus services and for managing omnibus services acquired by the Commission. This class contains minutes and papers of the executive. AN56

British Road Services Board
The Road Haulage Executive (see AN54) was abolished in 1953 and its powers assumed by the British Transport

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(continued) Commission itself. Much of the road haulage fleet was sold and that which remained reorganised under the British Road Services Board. These classes contain minutes and papers of the Board and its subsidiaries covering all aspects of its road haulage operations. AN59-AN60 AN62-AN67

British Road (Ferry) Services Ltd.: Minutes of Meetings
1968 1 volume AN59

British Road Services Board of Management: Minutes and Papers
1953-63 69 volumes AN60

British Road Services Ltd: Minutes and Papers
1954-69 36 volumes AN62

British Road Services (Contracts) Ltd.: Minutes and Reports
1955-69 24 volumes AN63

British Road Services Federation Ltd.: Minutes and Papers
1963-66 4 volumes AN64

British Road Services (Meat Haulage) Ltd.: Papers
1957-63 7 volumes AN65

British Road Services (Parcels) Ltd.: Minutes and Papers
1954-69 29 volumes AN66

British Road Services (Pickfords) Ltd.: Minutes and Papers
1954-68 19 volumes AN67

Committee of Inquiry into Operators' Licensing
1977-78 68 files
Papers of the Committee established in 1977 to consider the effectiveness of the operators' licensing system of road freight transport introduced by the Transport Act 1968 as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1974. [Records open immediately.] BS4

Emergency Road Transport Organisation
1935-54 493 files
Files relating to the operation of road transport services in the Second World War. MT55

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Southern Railway Company: Associated Motor Omnibus Companies' Records
1929-56 143 pieces
Records relating to omnibus services. RAIL650

Road Services Companies: Pickfords Ltd.
1756-1962 171 pieces
Records relating to the road haulage and other services of Pickfords Ltd. RAIL1133

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War of 1939 to 1945: Railway Executive Committee: Files
1939-47 1135 files and index cards
The Railway Executive Committee acted as agent for the Minister of Transport when he assumed control of the railways under the Defence Regulations in 1939. Files in this class deal with all aspects of the administration and operation of the railways, including railway equipment and engineering. AN2

Railway Executive Committee: (1939-1947): Minutes and Reports
1938-54 112 volumes and files
Minutes and reports of the committee and its sub-committees, including engineering and operating reports. AN3

British Railways: Locomotive and Rolling Stock Records
1874-1966 191 files, bundles, and plans
Reports, record cards, history sheets, etc., relating to the construction, design, testing and maintenance of locomotives and rolling stock. Some pieces pre-date nationalisation but most records of this kind before 1948 are with those of the relevant railway company in the RAIL group. [Records open immediately.] AN7

British Railways Board: Occasional Reports
1965-70 10 booklets
Reports of operational research and planning relating to passenger and freight services. AN16

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British Railways Board: Statistics
1963-71 9 booklets
Earlier statistics relating to British Railways are in AN12. AN20

British Railways Board: Committees
1968-75 11 files
Minutes and papers of the Movements Committee, the Operating Committee, and the Passenger Rolling Stock Design and Development Committee. AN21

British Railways: Eastern Region: Signalling Plans and Track Diagrams
1883-1968 37 maps
[Class open immediately.] AN23

British Railways: Eastern Region: Chief Regional Officer's Papers
1948-56 57 files
Papers relating to development schemes, etc., including papers relating to the electrification of the Manchester-Sheffield-Wath line and North East London lines. AN26

British Railways: Eastern Region: Civil Engineer's Records
1949-71 35 files, albums, and maps
These consist mainly of photographs of depots and installations, rolling stock, stations, work in progress, etc. There is also some correspondence concerning the construction and withdrawal of locomotives, 1952 and 1963, and a statistical table of the ages and types of bridges in the North Eastern region. AN28

British Railways: London Midland Region: Minutes
1948-62 7 files, etc.
Minutes and papers of Officers' Conferences, 1948-56; Diesel Light Weight Trains Committee, 1955-57; Works and Equipment Committee, 1962, relating to the reconstruction of Birmingham New Street Station. AN30

British Railways: London Midland Region: Station Plans and Drawings
1948-66 17 photographs, plans, and drawings
Plans relating to the reconstruction of stations in the region, including Euston, and a collection of photographs of stations.
[Class open immediately.] AN31

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British Railways: London Midland Region: Civil Engineer's Records
1954-72 5 maps and files
Plans and papers concerning bridges and diagrams, photographs, etc., of the locomotive works at Crewe, 1954. AN37

British Railways: Southern Region: Signalling Plans and Track Diagrams
1948-62 8 map rolls
[Class open immediately.] AN42

British Railways: Southern Region: Reports
1956-65 4 booklets and files
These relate to the extension of electrification, 1956; the development of freight traffic, 1961; and the supervision of passenger and freight train working, 1965. AN43

British Railways: Western Region: Signalling and Track Diagrams
1950-65 11 plans and diagrams
[Class open immediately.] AN46

British Railways: Western Region: Chief Mechanical and Electrical Engineer's Department
1954-58 8 booklets
These records relate to the timing of train schedules by computer; diesel traction; electrical maintenance arrangements; and booking office mechanisation. AN47

British Railways: Western Region: Station Plans and Drawings
[1850]-[1960] 15 plans
Plans and drawings of stations in the region. AN48

British Railways: Western Region: Reports
1949-74 26 volumes and files
These deal mainly with the introduction of diesel and high speed train services. AN49

British Railways: Western Region: Minutes
1948-59 1 volume
Minutes of meetings of district operating superintendents, commercial superintendents, motive power superintendents, etc., together with circulated reports and statistics. AN50

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British Railways: Western Region: Civil Engineer's Records
n.d. 4 files and booklets.
These include a booklet on the work of the Soil Mechanics Laboratory. AN51

British Railways: Traffic Censuses and Surveys
1949-73 110 guard books and files
Censuses and surveys mainly relating to passenger traffic. AN82

British Transport Commission: Railway Executive: Reports
1948-53 110 files
These include monthly and annual reports of the work of British Railways and reports relating to technical research, freight working, marine services, etc. AN88

British Railways: Eastern Region: Reports
1948-71 63 files
These cover such matters as modernisation and electrification schemes, annual reports on operations, etc. AN92

British Railways: London Midland Region: Signalling Plans and Track Diagrams
c.1950 onwards 4 maps, files, and bundles
[Class open immediately.] AN93

British Railways: Rule Books
1947-76 450 booklets, files, and volumes
These cover the whole range of railway control and operating regulations issued for the information of staff. They include detailed instructions on the operation of equipment. AN94

British Railways: London Midland Region: Reports
1949-71 27 files
These relate to electrification and modernisation programmes, passenger and freight services plans, etc. AN95

British Railways Board: Technical Reports
1963-68 8 files
Reports submitted by various chief offices, relating mainly to engineering matters. AN101

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Railways: Correspondence and Papers
1840-1966 3547 boxes, etc.
Papers relating to the peacetime regulation and wartime control of railways, railway-owned canals, tramways, underground railways and related services and to the central direction of wartime transport. Registers and indexes of the papers are in the class MT7. Lists of pieces 1-193, 194-1082, 1083-2602 published by the List and Index Society, vols.107, 114, and 123, respectively. MT6

Railway Commissioners: Returns and Plans of Iron Bridges
1847 3 volumes
Returns and plans of bridges sent in by most railway companies in 1847 in response to a circular following the failure of an iron bridge over the River Dee. MT8

Board of Trade Railway Department: Out-Letters
1840-55 30 volumes
Entry books of out-letters relating to railways. From 1855 draft out-letters are in MT6. Indexes of out-letters after 1855 are in MT12. MT11

Light Railways Commission: Out-Letters
1896-1922 20 volumes and boxes
Entry books of out-letters relating to the regulation of light railways. Indexes are in MT16. None of the Commission's in-letters has survived, but there are registers and indexes of them in MT17 and 18. MT14

Railway Inspectorate: Inspectors' Reports
1840-1949 97 volumes
Reports relating to the inspection of new and improved railway works. Indexes to the location of works are in MT30. MT29

Light Railway Plans
1896-1946 659 rolled maps
Plans of light railways and tramways deposited with applications for their construction made to the Light Railway Commissioners. MT54

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Light Railway Orders
1896-1937 510 volumes
Orders of the Light Railway Commission relating to light railways and tramways, arranged in volumes containing a map, a copy of the promoter's draft order, a descriptive note, a note of the inquiry, the Commissioners' report and a copy of the confirmed order. MT58

Board of Trade Railway Department: Drawings and Plans
1840-c.1866 8 volumes and booklets of plans
Various plans including some relating to the proposed Channel Tunnel, 1866-70, and some accompanying a report by Robert Stephenson, 1846-47, arising from IK Brunel's proposal for mixed gauge railways. Other plans are in MT6 and in the records of individual companies in the RAIL group. MT91

Tramway Inspection: Registers
1871-1949 5 volumes
Volumes containing summary details of inspections of urban tramways. MT94

RAIL Group: British Transport Historical Records
This collection consists of the records of the nationalised railway companies, together with those of the canal, dock and shipping companies owned by them. The core of the collection is the records of the Great Western Railway, which are much fuller than those of any other company. The records were arranged by the British Transport Commission in a system which provided for up to thirty-three types of records for each company. Those relevant to this guide were:

1. Minutes and reports
3. Deeds, arrangements, contracts, specifications, estimates, and plans
4. Miscellaneous books and records
5. Locomotives and rolling stock records
6. Reports on bills deposited in Parliament

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(continued)
7. Petitions and memorials
8. Correspondence and relevant papers
9. Secretarial papers
16. Severn Tunnel papers (GWR only)
17. Statistics
18. Special reports
21. Superintendent of the Line's register of accidents (GWR only)
24. Civil Engineers' records
30. Passenger and Goods trains notices
32. Marine records
33. Signal and telegraph records

It should be noted that only the largest companies have records in all or most of these categories, and in many cases the whole archive is subsumed under 4., miscellaneous books and records. Records in each category for each company have been assigned to a RAIL class in the Public Record Office. Comprehensive card indexes are available in the Public Record Office, together with further information on the arrangement of the records. The following list of RAIL classes contains only those with records in the above categories. Marine records are included under section 5.3. Those classes which include only minute books and legal and accounting records have been excluded, as have both public and working timetables in the classes RAIL900-87. The classes RAIL1-780 are the records of individual railway companies; RAIL800-87 are shipping and canal and dock company records and are included in sections 5.3 and 5.4 respectively. The classes from RAIL1000 onwards consist of records relating to more than one company, and the records of such bodies as the Railway Clearing House. For these classes, unlike the earlier ones, a brief description of the contents of the class is given, except where the class title is self-explanatory.

Abbotsbury Railway Company
1876-96 17 pieces RAIL1

Aberdare Railway Company
1845-1902 16 pieces RAIL2

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Aberystwyth-Welsh Coasts Railway Company	1861-66	8 pieces	RAIL4
Alcester Railway Company	1872-79	14 pieces	RAIL6
Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Company	1835-1922	71 pieces	RAIL7
Ambergate, Nottingham and Boston and Eastern Junction Railway Company	1845-78	10 pieces	RAIL8
Ashburton, Newton and South Devon Junction Railway Company	1845-51	2 pieces	RAIL10
Ashby and Nuneaton Joint Committee	1867-99	15 pieces	RAIL11
Axholme Joint Railway Committee (North Eastern and Lancashire and Yorkshire Railways)	1899-1939	6 pieces	RAIL13
Aylesbury Railway Company	1835-41	3 pieces	RAIL15
Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway Company	1874-1900	49 pieces	RAIL18
Barnoldswick Railway Company	1867-1900	1 piece	RAIL21
Barry Railway Company	1884-1923	63 pieces	RAIL23
Bedale and Leyburn Railway Company	1852-59	10 pieces	RAIL26
Bedford and Cambridge Railway Company	1859-64	8 pieces	RAIL27
Berks and Hants Extension Railway Company	1859-87	18 pieces	RAIL29
Bideford Extension Railway Company	1852	2 pieces	RAIL33

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Birkenhead Railway Company	1845-1925	63 pieces	RAIL35
Birmingham and Derby Junction Railway Company	1836-44	21 pieces	RAIL36
Birmingham and Gloucester Railway Company	1835-46	27 pieces	RAIL37
Birmingham and Oxford Junction Railway Company	1845-57	16 pieces	RAIL39
Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Dudley Railway Company	1845-56	16 pieces	RAIL44
Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Stour Valley Railway Company	1845-67	8 pieces	RAIL45
Bishop Auckland and Weardale Railway Company	1836-45	54 pieces	RAIL46
Bishop's Stortford, Dunmow and Braintree Railway Company	1862-66	2 pieces	RAIL48
Blackburn and Preston Railway Company	1844-46	3 pieces	RAIL50
Blackburn Railway Company	1844-62	6 pieces	RAIL52
Blyth and Tyne Railway Company	1844-1915	59 pieces	RAIL56
Bodmin and Wadebridge Railway Company	1832-86	20 pieces	RAIL57
Bolton and Preston Railway Company	1837-44	3 pieces	RAIL59
Brandling Junction Railway Company	1833-82	23 pieces	RAIL64
Brecon and Merthyr Tydvil Junction Railway Company	1859-1922	35 pieces	RAIL65

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Bridport Railway Company	1841-1901	29 pieces	RAIL69
Bristol and Birmingham Railway	1845-49	3 pieces	RAIL74
Bristol and Exeter Railway Company	1835-77	130 pieces	RAIL75
Bristol and Gloucester Railway Company	1839-46	5 pieces	RAIL76
Bristol Harbour Railway Company	1865-79	19 pieces	RAIL79
Briton Ferry Dock and Railway Company (Briton Ferry Floating Dock Company)	1850-73	9 pieces	RAIL82
Buckingham and Brackley Junction Railway Company	1846-47	2 pieces	RAIL85
Buckinghamshire Railway Company	1845-78	12 pieces	RAIL86
Burry Port and Gwendreath Valley Railway Company	1888-1922	6 pieces	RAIL89
Calne Railway Company	1859-92	21 pieces	RAIL91
Cambrian Railways Company	1857-1944	151 pieces	RAIL92
Cardiff Railway Company	1867-1923	43 pieces	RAIL97
Carlisle Citadel Station Committee	1844-1922	7 pieces	RAIL98
Carnarvonshire Railway Company	1862-71	9 pieces	RAIL102
Cheshire Lines Committee	1856-1951	364 pieces	RAIL110
Chester and Birkenhead Railway Company	1836-58	22 pieces	RAIL112
Chester and Holyhead Railway Company	1843-79	53 pieces	RAIL113

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Chester Joint Station Committee	1846-67	21 pieces	RAIL114
Chipstead Valley Railway Company	1893-99	3 pieces	RAIL116
Clarence Railway Company	1828-54	28 pieces	RAIL117
Cleater and Workington Junction Railway	1876-1923	13 pieces	RAIL119
Cleobury, Mortimer and Ditton Priors Light Railway Company	1901-22	3 pieces	RAIL120
Cockermouth, Keswick and Penrith Railway Company	1861-1923	17 pieces	RAIL123
Colchester, Stour Valley, Sudbury and Halstead Railway Company	1846-98	3 pieces	RAIL124
Coleford, Monmouth, Usk and Pontypool Railway Company	1852-87	12 pieces	RAIL125
Coleford Railway Company	1875-1964	4 pieces	RAIL126
Colne Valley and Halstead Railway Company	1855-1923	34 pieces	RAIL128
Cornwall Railway Company	1839-89	98 pieces	RAIL134
Cromford and High Peak Railway Company	1824-37	6 pieces	RAIL144
Crowhurst, Sidley and Bexhill Railway Company	1897-1907	2 pieces	RAIL145
Darlington and Barnard Castle Railway Company	1842-59	40 pieces	RAIL149
Dearne Valley Railway Company	1897-1922	12 pieces	RAIL150
Dearness Valley Railway Company	1854-57	14 pieces	RAIL151
Devon and Cornwall Railway Company	1865-75	5 pieces	RAIL154

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Dundalk, Newry and Greenore Railway Company	1863-1957	24 pieces	RAIL162
Durham and Sunderland Railway Company	1833-46	17 pieces	RAIL164
Easingwold Railway Company	1886-1967	70 pieces	RAIL167
East and West Yorkshire Junction Railway Company	1845-57	13 pieces	RAIL169
East Coast (Railway Companies) Conference	1855-1921	20 pieces	RAIL172
East Kent Light Railway Company	1911-40	34 pieces	RAIL175
East Lancashire Railway Company	1843-59	61 pieces	RAIL176
East Lincolnshire Railway Company	1844-1923	6 pieces	RAIL177
East London Railway Company	1865-1925	23 pieces	RAIL178
East London Railway Joint Committee	1884-1948	37 pieces	RAIL179
East Norfolk Railway Company	1866-81	10 pieces	RAIL180
East Somerset Railway Company	1855-75	10 pieces	RAIL181
Eastern and Midlands Railway Company	1882-93	4 pieces	RAIL184
Eastern Counties Railway Company	1835-1901	107 pieces	RAIL186
Eastern Union Railway Company	1844-66	27 pieces	RAIL187
Easton and Church Hope Railway Company	1867-1947	87 pieces	RAIL188
Eden Valley Railway Company	1854-67	32 pieces	RAIL189
Ely and Newmarket Railway Company	1876-98	4 pieces	RAIL193
Exeter and Crediton Railway Company	1844-79	4 pieces	RAIL201
Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company	1898-1947	5 pieces	RAIL206

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Forcett Railway Company	1865-1924	13 pieces	RAIL208
Freshwater, Yarmouth and Newport Railway Company	1886-1923	5 pieces	RAIL211
Frosterley and Stanhope Railway Company	1860-65	5 pieces	RAIL212
Furness Railway Company	1844-1928	104 pieces	RAIL214
Garston and Liverpool Railway Committee	1861-67	9 pieces	RAIL216
Grand Junction Railway Company	1833-56	43 pieces	RAIL220
Great Central and Midland Railways Joint Committee	1869-1948	35 pieces	RAIL224
Great Central, Hull and Barnsley, and Midland Railways Joint Committee	1906-38	11 pieces	RAIL225
Great Central Railway Company	1852-1958	638 pieces	RAIL226
Great Eastern Railway Company	1854-1958	512 pieces	RAIL227
Great Grimsby and Sheffield Junction Railway Company	1844-50	13 pieces	RAIL228
Great Marlow Railway Company	1867-97	14 pieces	RAIL230
Great North of England Railway Company	1835-58	79 pieces	RAIL232
Great Northern and Great Eastern Railways Joint Committee	1879-1922	27 pieces	RAIL233
Great Northern and London and North Western Railways Joint Committee (Market Harborough and Nottingham)	1874-1929	15 pieces	RAIL234
Great Northern and Manchester Sheffield and Lincolnshire Joint Committee	1849-72	7 pieces	RAIL235

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Great Northern Railway Company	1844-1966	1032 pieces	RAIL236
Great Western and Brentford Railway Company	1854-74	25 pieces	RAIL237
Great Western and Great Central Railways Joint Committee	1899-1947	34 pieces	RAIL239
Great Western and Midland Railway Companies Joint Committee	1863-1925	30 pieces	RAIL241
Great Western and Rhymney Railway Companies	1869-1922	8 pieces	RAIL244
Great Western Railway Company: Minutes and Reports	1833-1953	784 pieces	RAIL250
Great Western Railway Company: Deeds, Agreements, Contracts, Specifications, Estimates and Plans	1834-1947	142 pieces	RAIL252
Great Western Railway Company: Miscellaneous Books and Records	1800-1961	770 pieces	RAIL253
Great Western Railway Company: Locomotive and Rolling Stock Records	1837-1964	505 pieces	RAIL254
Great Western Railway Company: Reports on Bills Deposited in Parliament	1865-1946	65 pieces	RAIL255
Great Western Railway Company: Petitions and Memorials to Directors	1844-1919	88 pieces	RAIL256
Great Western Railway Company: Correspondence and Papers	1849-1949	75 pieces	RAIL257
Great Western Railway Company: Secretarial Papers	1835-1963	607 pieces	RAIL258
Great Western Railway Company: Severn Tunnel Papers	1879-1957	19 pieces	RAIL265

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Great Western Railway Company: Various Statistics	1867-1959	112 pieces	RAIL266
Great Western Railway Company: Special Reports	1845-1940	392 pieces	RAIL267
Great Western Railway Company: Superintendent of Line's Office: Registers of Accidents	1920-39	30 pieces	RAIL270
Great Western Railway Company: Civil Engineers' Records	1886-1938	29 pieces	RAIL273
Great Western Railway Company: Passenger and Goods Train Notices	1905-47	122 pieces	RAIL279
Great Western Railway Company: Signal and Telegraph Records	n.d.	1617 pieces	RAIL282
Gwendreath Valleys Railway Company	1885-1922	3 pieces	RAIL285
Halesowen Railway Company	1865-1910	8 pieces	RAIL286
Hartlepool Dock and Railway Company	1831-72	50 pieces	RAIL294
Hawes and Malmerby Railway Company	1864-70	9 pieces	RAIL296
Helston Railway Company	1879-98	3 pieces	RAIL299
Horncastle Railway Company	1853-1923	6 pieces	RAIL305
Horsham, Dorking and Leatherhead Railway Company	1862-70	9 pieces	RAIL307
Hull and Barnsley and Great Central Railways Joint Committee	1909-23	16 pieces	RAIL310
Hull and Barnsley Railway Company	1879-1946	130 pieces	RAIL312

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Hull and Holderness Railway Company	1852-62	22 pieces	RAIL313
Hull and Hornsea Railway Company	1861-66	9 pieces	RAIL314
Hull and Selby Railway Company	1834-75	38 pieces	RAIL315
Hull and South Bridge Company	1861-1947	27 pieces	RAIL316
Humber Commercial Railway and Dock Company	1900-23	36 pieces	RAIL317
Irish and English Traffic Conference	1874-1957	13 pieces	RAIL327
Isle of Wight Central Railway Company	1860-1923	33 pieces	RAIL328
King's Lynn Docks and Railway Company	1846-1956	94 pieces	RAIL334
Kingston and Eardisley Railway Company	1862-99	20 pieces	RAIL336
Lambourn Valley Railway Company	1883-1905	4 pieces	RAIL338
Lancashire and Yorkshire and Great Northern Joint Stations Committee	1852-1929	8 pieces	RAIL341
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company	1835-1941	863 pieces	RAIL343
Lancashire, Derbyshire and East Coast Railway Company	1890-1907	83 pieces	RAIL344
Lancashire Union Railways Company	1864-83	4 pieces	RAIL345
Lancaster and Carlisle Railway Company	1843-79	8 pieces	RAIL346
Lancaster and Preston Junction Railway Company	1836-59	9 pieces	RAIL347

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Leeds and Bradford Railway Company	1843-59	7 pieces	RAIL350
Leeds and Selby Railway Company	1829-59	14 pieces	RAIL351
Leeds, Castleford and Pontefract Junction Railway Company	1872-80	12 pieces	RAIL353
Leeds Central Station	1845-65	10 pieces	RAIL354
Leeds, Dewsbury and Manchester Railway Company	1845-51	12 pieces	RAIL355
Leeds New Joint Station Committee	1866-1937	38 pieces	RAIL356
Leeds Northern Railway Company	1844-58	77 pieces	RAIL357
Leicester and Swannington Railway Company	1829-54	9 pieces	RAIL359
Leominster and Kington Railway Company	1853-98	17 pieces	RAIL363
Liskeard and Looe Union Canal Company (afterwards Liskeard and Looe Railway Company)	1825-1922	6 pieces	RAIL367
Liverpool and Bury Railway Company	1844-46	9 pieces	RAIL368
Liverpool and Manchester Railway Company	1824-45	43 pieces	RAIL371
Liverpool, Crosby and Southport Railway Company	1845-55	12 pieces	RAIL372
Liverpool, St. Helens and South Lancashire Railway Company	1885-1906	9 pieces	RAIL374
Llanelly and Mynydd Mawr Railway Company	1875-1922	10 pieces	RAIL376

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Llanelly Railway and Dock Company	1835-89	64 pieces	RAIL377
Llanidloes and Newtown Railway Company	1852-65	11 pieces	RAIL379
Llynvi and Ogmore Railway Company	1862-83	37 pieces	RAIL382
Llynvi Valley Railway Company	1845-83	41 pieces	RAIL383
London and Birmingham Railway Company	1830-63	292 pieces	RAIL384
London and Blackwall Railway Company (formerly Commercial)	1836-1923	71 pieces	RAIL385
London and Brighton Railway Company	1835-51	123 pieces	RAIL386
London and Croydon Railway Company	1834-46	14 pieces	RAIL388
London and Greenwich Railway Company	1831-1923	15 pieces	RAIL389
London and North Eastern Railway Company: Minutes and Reports	1921-64	2046 pieces	RAIL390
London and North Eastern Railway Company: Deeds, Agreements, Contracts, Specifications, Estimates, Plans	1921-47	200 pieces	RAIL392
London and North Eastern Railway Company: Miscellaneous Books and Records	1878-1964	346 pieces	RAIL393
London and North Eastern Railway Company: Locomotive and Rolling Stock Records	1868-1964	264 pieces	RAIL394
London and North Eastern Railway Company: Reports on Bills deposited in Parliament	1923-29	14 pieces	RAIL395
London and North Eastern Railway Company: Correspondence and Papers	1923-39	11 pieces	RAIL396

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London and North Eastern Railway Company: Various Statistics	1910-48	437 pieces	RAIL398
London and North Eastern Railway Company: Passenger and Goods Train Notices	1921-47	124 pieces	RAIL401
London and North Western and Furness Railways Joint Committee	1875-1917	15 pieces	RAIL403
London and North Western and Great Western Joint Committee	c.1848-1947	207 pieces	RAIL404
London and North Western and Lancashire and Yorkshire Railways Joint Committee	1857-1921	48 pieces	RAIL405
London and North Western and Midland Railways Joint Committee	1849-1922	16 pieces	RAIL406
London and North Western Railway Company	1803-1953	2046 pieces	RAIL410
London and South Western Railway Company	1838-1959	663 pieces	RAIL411
London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company	1824-1945	859 pieces	RAIL414
London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company, formerly the East Kent Railway Company	1852-1923	172 pieces	RAIL415
London, Midland and Scottish and Great Western Railways Joint Committee	1923-48	21 pieces	RAIL416
London, Midland and Scottish and London and North Eastern Railways Companies Joint Committee	1891-1947	16 pieces	RAIL417
London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company: Minutes and Reports	1922-48	209 pieces	RAIL418

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London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company: Deeds, Agreements, Contracts, Specifications, Estimates, Plans	1923-45	31 pieces	RAIL420
London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company: Miscellaneous Books and Records	1881-1949	234 pieces	RAIL421
London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company: Locomotive and Rolling Stock Records	1920-47	127 pieces	RAIL422
London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company: Reports on Bills deposited in Parliament	1923-38	8 pieces	RAIL423
London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company: Correspondence and Papers	1842-1948	31 pieces	RAIL424
London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company: Secretarial Papers	1922-49	54 pieces	RAIL425
London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company: Amalgamation (Railways Act 1921) Papers	1922-23	55 pieces	RAIL427
London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company: Statistics	1923-57	2 pieces	RAIL428
London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company: Civil Engineer's Records	1924-25	1 piece	RAIL430
London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company: Passenger and Goods Train Notices	1923-47	18 pieces	RAIL432
London, Tilbury and Southend Railway	1852-1923	64 pieces	RAIL437
South and East Coast Railway Company	1871-1908	10 pieces	RAIL439
Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Company	1895-1923	4 pieces	RAIL446

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Macclesfield and Knutsford Railway Company	1864-73	1 piece	RAIL447
Macclesfield Bollington and Marple Railway Company	1864-1938	28 pieces	RAIL448
Maldon, Witham and Braintree Railway Company	1845-50	13 pieces	RAIL451
Manchester and Birmingham Railway Company	1834-c.54	16 pieces	RAIL454
Manchester and Milford Railway Company	1853-1911	28 pieces	RAIL456
Manchester and Southport Railway Company	1846-55	8 pieces	RAIL457
Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal Navigation and Railway Company	1790-1851	15 pieces	RAIL458
Manchester, Burton, Matlock and Midland Junction Railway Company	1844-71	10 pieces	RAIL459
Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire and Great Northern Railway Companies' Joint Line Committee	1894	1 piece	RAIL461
Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire and Midland Joint Lines Committee	1869-1901	5 pieces	RAIL462
Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company	1845-1967	405 pieces	RAIL463
Manchester South Junction and Altrincham Railway Company	1842-1938	96 pieces	RAIL465
Manchester South Union Railway Company	1836	1 piece	RAIL466
Mansfield Railway Company	1909-25	16 pieces	RAIL468

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Marple, New Mills and Hayfield Junction Railway Company	1859-65	3 pieces	RAIL471
Maryport and Carlisle Railway Company	1835-1923	76 pieces	RAIL472
Mersey Railway Company	1866-1948	45 pieces	RAIL475
Methley Railway Joint Committee (Great Northern, Lancashire and Yorkshire, and North Eastern Railway Company)	1864-1938	13 pieces	RAIL477
Mid-Sussex and Midhurst Junction Railway Company	1859-74	2 pieces	RAIL480
Middlesbrough and Guisbrough Railway Company	1891-99	28 pieces	RAIL483
Middlesbrough and Redcar Railway Company	1841-78	57 pieces	RAIL484
Midland and Great Northern Railways' Joint Committee	1862-1959	119 pieces	RAIL487
Midland and North Eastern Railway Companies' Committee (Swinton and Knottingley Railway)	1874-1929	21 pieces	RAIL488
Midland Counties Railway Company	1834-c.46	29 pieces	RAIL490
Midland Railway Company	1836-1950	1147 pieces	RAIL491
Milford Railway Company	1856-96	13 pieces	RAIL492
Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Company	1792-1909	165 pieces	RAIL500
Much Wenlock and Severn Junction Railway Company	1859-97	12 pieces	RAIL502

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Nantwich and Market Drayton Railway Company	1860-98	9 pieces	RAIL504
Neath and Brecon Railway Company	1862-1922	13 pieces	RAIL505
Newcastle and Berwick Railway Company	1844-47	9 pieces	RAIL506
Newcastle and North Shields Railway Company	1831-47	23 pieces	RAIL507
Newcastle, Derwent and Weardale Railway Company	1861	2 pieces	RAIL508
Newcastle upon Tyne and Carlisle Railway Company	1805-1934	133 pieces	RAIL509
Newent Railway Company	1873-92	4 pieces	RAIL510
Newmarket Railway Company	1852-53	2 pieces	RAIL512
Newport, Abergavenny and Hereford Railway Company	1845-60	20 pieces	RAIL513
Newport, Godshill and St. Lawrence Railway Company	1892-1913	4 pieces	RAIL514
Norfolk and Suffolk Joint Railways Committee	1897-1938	15 pieces	RAIL518
Norfolk Railway Company	1845-65	6 pieces	RAIL519
North Devon and Cornwall Junction Light Railway	1831-1948	6 pieces	RAIL523
North Devon Railway and Dock Company	1845-65	7 pieces	RAIL524
North Eastern Railway and Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Joint Committee	1902-03	5 pieces	RAIL526

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North Eastern Railway Company	1774-1957	2270 pieces	RAIL527
North Lindsey Light Railways Company	1904-23	10 pieces	RAIL528
North London Railway Company	1845-1922	138 pieces	RAIL529
North Midland Railway Company	1835-44	42 pieces	RAIL530
North Pembrokeshire and Fishguard Railway Company	1878-99	10 pieces	RAIL531
North Staffordshire Railway Company	1845-1953	80 pieces	RAIL532
North Sunderland Railway Company	1891-1952	91 pieces	RAIL533
North Union Railway Company	1830-89	29 pieces	RAIL534
North Wales and Liverpool Railway Committee	1892-1904	15 pieces	RAIL535
North Western Railway Company	1845-75	17 pieces	RAIL536
North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Company	1853-61	9 pieces	RAIL537
Northampton and Banbury Junction Railway Company	1861-1911	2 pieces	RAIL538
Northampton, Banbury and Cheltenham Railway Company	1845-50	4 pieces	RAIL540
Northern and Eastern Railway Company	1835-1909	9 pieces	RAIL541
Nottingham Joint Station Committee	1893-1923	25 pieces	RAIL546
Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne and Guide Bridge Junction Railway Company	1857-1947	38 pieces	RAIL551

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Oswestry and Newtown Railway Company	1855-65	24 pieces	RAIL552
Oswestry, Ellesmere and Whitchurch Railway Company	c.1857-64	10 pieces	RAIL553
Otley and Ilkley Joint Line Committee (Midland and North Eastern Railway Companies)	1861-1929	25 pieces	RAIL554
Oxford and Rugby Railway Company	c.1840-55	8 pieces	RAIL556
Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Company	1844-63	61 pieces	RAIL558
Pembroke and Tenby Railway Company	1859-98	27 pieces	RAIL559
Plymouth and Dartmoor Railway Company	1819-1923	5 pieces	RAIL566
Pontypool, Caerleon and Newport Railway Company	1870-77	14 pieces	RAIL570
Port Talbot Railway and Docks Company	1883-1922	13 pieces	RAIL574
Preston and Longridge Railway Joint Committee	1866-89	5 pieces	RAIL576
Preston and Wyre Railway Harbour and Dock Company	1836-47	8 pieces	RAIL577
Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway Company	1880-1922	37 pieces	RAIL581
Rhymney Railway Company	1853-1922	66 pieces	RAIL583
Royston and Hitchin Railway Company	1845-97	39 pieces	RAIL588
Ryde Pier Company	1812-1939	39 pieces	RAIL592
St. Helens Canal and Railway Company	1830-64	7 pieces	RAIL593

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Shropshire Union Railways and Canal Company	1844-1948	69 pieces	RAIL623
Somerset and Dorset Joint Line Committee	1863-1947	126 pieces	RAIL626
Somerset and Dorset Railway Company	1855-1928	26 pieces	RAIL627
Somerset Central Railway Company	1851-62	8 pieces	RAIL628
South Devon Railway Company	1844-78	108 pieces	RAIL631
South Durham and Lancashire Union Railway Company	1845-74	78 pieces	RAIL632
South Eastern and Chatham Railway Companies Managing Committee (also Joint Board and Joint Proprietors)	1849-1944	491 pieces	RAIL633
South Eastern Railway Company	1750-1944	405 pieces	RAIL635
South Leicestershire Railway Company	1861-63	2 pieces	RAIL636
South Staffordshire Railway Company	1845-67	27 pieces	RAIL638
South Wales Railway Company	1843-64	118 pieces	RAIL640
South Yorkshire Joint Line Committee	1903-39	27 pieces	RAIL641
South Yorkshire Railway and River Dun Company	c.1768-1874	28 pieces	RAIL643
Southern Railway Company: Minutes and Reports	1913-59	108 pieces	RAIL645
Southern Railway Company: Deeds, Agreements, Contracts, Specifications, Estimates, Plans	1924-47	12 pieces	RAIL647

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Scarborough and Whitby Railway Company	1871-98	20 pieces	RAIL596
Scarborough, Bridlington and West Riding Junction Railway	1885-1916	12 pieces	RAIL597
Scotswood, Newburn and Wylam Railway Company	1870-83	31 pieces	RAIL598
Seaforth and Sefton Junction Railway Company	1903-22	12 pieces	RAIL600
Severn and Wye and Severn Bridge Railway Company	1879-98	11 pieces	RAIL603
Severn Bridge Railway Company	1871-79	4 pieces	RAIL605
Severn Valley Railway Company	1852-73	16 pieces	RAIL606
Sheffield and Rotherham Railway Company	1835-45	11 pieces	RAIL609
Sheffield, Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester Railway Company	1836-48	37 pieces	RAIL610
Sheffield District Railway Company	1892-1923	26 pieces	RAIL611
Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley, Wakefield, Huddersfield and Goole Railway Company	1845-58	8 pieces	RAIL612
Shrewsbury and Birmingham Railway Company	1844-54	22 pieces	RAIL615
Shrewsbury and Hereford Railway Company (including Shrewsbury and Hereford Joint Committee)	1845-81	29 pieces	RAIL617
Shropshire and Montgomeryshire Light Railway Company	1909-47	5 pieces	RAIL621

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Southern Railway Company: Miscellaneous Books and Records	1800-1961	151 pieces	RAIL648
Southern Railway Company: Locomotive and Rolling Stock Records	1866-1963	58 pieces	RAIL649
Southport and Cheshire Lines Extension Railway Company	1880-1948	14 pieces	RAIL656
Staines and West Drayton Railway Company	1881-1901	16 pieces	RAIL659
Stamford and Essendine Railway Company	1853-1923	12 pieces	RIAL662
Stanhope and Tyne Railroad Company	1835-1944	6 pieces	RAIL663
Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Company	1853-92	8 pieces	RAIL665
Stockport, Timperley and Altrincham Junction Railway Company	1861-67	6 pieces	RAIL666
Stockton and Darlington Railway Company	1731-1943	1684 pieces	RAIL667
Stockton and Hartlepool Railway Company	1837-59	26 pieces	RAIL668
Stourbridge Railway Company	1860-71	5 pieces	RAIL671
Stratford-upon-Avon and Midland Junction Railway Company	1873-1923	14 pieces	RAIL674
Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Company	1856-84	36 pieces	RAIL675
Sutton and Willoughby Railway Company	1884-1902	14 pieces	RAIL677

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Swindon and Cheltenham Extension Railway Company	1881-84	6 pieces	RAIL681
Taff Vale Railway Company	1823-1924	125 pieces	RAIL684
Tanat Valley Light Railway	1899-1918	2 pieces	RAIL685
Tees Valley Railway Company	1864-82	18 pieces	RAIL687
Tenbury Railway Company	1858-81	4 pieces	RAIL690
Tottenham and Forest Gate Railway Company	1890-1923	8 pieces	RAIL696
Trent Valley Railway Company	1844-48	8 pieces	RAIL699
Ulverstone and Lancaster Railway Company	1851-62	6 pieces	RAIL700
Vale of Glamorgan Railway Company	1889-1922	16 pieces	RAIL702
Vale of Neath Railway Company	1845-1904	57 pieces	RAIL704
Vale of Towy Railway Company	1853-89	10 pieces	RAIL706
Warrington and Stockport Railway Company	1852-56	7 pieces	RAIL710
Watton and Swaffham Railway Company	1872-98	13 pieces	RAIL714
Wear and Derwent Junction Railway Company	1841-c.55	15 pieces	RAIL716
Wear Valley Extension Railway Company	1892-94	5 pieces	RAIL717
Wear Valley Railway Company	1842-58	54 pieces	RAIL718

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Wellington and Drayton Railway Company	1863-77	8 pieces	RAIL719
Wenlock Railway Company	1861-97	15 pieces	RAIL723
West Cheshire Railway Company	1861-65	12 pieces	RAIL724
West Cornwall Railway Company	1833-76	7 pieces	RAIL725
West End of London and Crystal Palace Railway Company	1852-60	10 pieces	RAIL729
West Hartlepool Harbour and Railway Company	1839-1947	95 pieces	RAIL730
West Lancashire Railway Company	1873-97	8 pieces	RAIL731
West London Extension Railway Company	1859-1947	64 pieces	RAIL732
West London Railway Company	1836-1907	37 pieces	RAIL733
West Midland Railway Company	1856-63	22 pieces	RAIL734
West Riding and Grimsby Railway Company	1862-1923	46 pieces	RAIL736
Weymouth and Portland Railway Company	1861-1947	34 pieces	RAIL741
Whitby and Pickering Railway Company	1833-1923	4 pieces	RAIL742
Whitby, Redcar and Middlesbrough Union Railway Company	1866-89	21 pieces	RAIL743
Whitehaven and Furness Junction Railway Company	1845-66	9 pieces	RAIL744

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Whitehaven Junction Railway Company	1845-66	7 pieces	RAIL746
Whitland and Cardigan Railway Company	1868-99	38 pieces	RAIL747
Wigan Junction Railways Company	1874-1906	13 pieces	RAIL749
Wiltshire, Somerset and Weymouth Railway Company	1844-58	16 pieces	RAIL750
Wrexham and Ellesmere Railway Company	1887-1922	10 pieces	RAIL765
Wycombe Railway Company	1843-71	35 pieces	RAIL768
York and North Midland Railway Company	1835-80	107 pieces	RAIL770
York, Newcastle and Berwick Railway Company	1823-1922	153 pieces	RAIL772
Great Western Railway Company: Severn Tunnel Railway	1852-1941	19 pieces	RAIL775
Chester and Crewe Railway Company	1838	4 pieces	RAIL776
Liverpool (Overhead) Electric Railway Company	n.d.	1 piece	RAIL778
London and North Eastern Railway: North and South Shields Light Railway (Kearney Tube)	1904-44	17 pieces	RAIL780
Byelaws and Regulations: Railway Companies	n.d.	282 pieces	RAIL1001
Byelaws and Regulations: Canals and Other Undertakings	n.d.	108 pieces	RAIL1003
Archivist's Historical Miscellanea	n.d.	477 pieces	RAIL1005

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Archivists' Historical Miscellanea (York Collection)
n.d. 129 pieces RAIL1006

LMSR Record Office Files
n.d. n.p. RAIL1007

Various Transport Undertakings: Correspondence and Papers
n.d. 130 pieces RAIL1008

Great Western Railway Collection
1740-1967 58 pieces
Miscellaneous records relating to the early history and development of the railway. RAIL1014

London, Midland and Scottish Railway Collection
1825-1970 11 pieces
Miscellaneous records relating to the early history and development of the railway. RAIL1015

London and North Eastern Railway Collection
1810-1953 12 pieces
Miscellaneous records relating to the early history and development of the railway. RAIL1016

Southern Railway Collection
1824-1963 1 piece
Miscellaneous records relating to the railway. RAIL1017

Miscellanea
1738-1973 36 pieces
Miscellaneous records from various transport undertakings. RAIL1020

Miscellanea, North Eastern
1766-1963 104 pieces
Miscellaneous records relating to railways in north-east England. RAIL1021

International Railway Congress Association: Proceedings
1892-1968 41 pieces RAIL1023

International Railway Congress Association: Bulletins
1896-1966 69 pieces RAIL1024

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Maps, Plans and Surveys: Railways: Individual Companies	n.d.	214 pieces	RAIL1030
Maps, Plans and Surveys: Railways, Canals, etc.: General	n.d.	120 pieces	RAIL1031
Maps, Plans and Surveys: Railway Clearing House	n.d.	246 pieces	RAIL1032
Maps, Plans and Surveys: Towns, Ports and Local Areas	n.d.	418 pieces	RAIL1033
Maps, Plans and Surveys: London and London Transport	n.d.	78 pieces	RAIL1034
Maps, Plans and Surveys: General and Atlases	n.d.	226 pieces	RAIL1035
Board of Trade Railway Department and Ministry of Transport: Statistics	n.d.	24 pieces	RAIL1044
Board of Trade Railway Department and Ministry of Transport: Reports and Returns Various reports and returns relating to railways including accident reports.	1840-1975	378 pieces	RAIL1053
Board of Trade Railway Department and Ministry of Transport: Light Railway Orders Various orders relating to light railways.	n.d.	27 pieces	RAIL1054
Board of Trade Railway Department and Ministry of Transport: Light Railway Orders (York Collection) Various orders relating to light railways from the collection formerly kept at York.	n.d.	10 pieces	RAIL1055
Board of Trade Railway Department and Ministry of Transport: Reports on Working of Boiler Explosives Acts 1882 and 1890	1882-1924	26 pieces	RAIL1056

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Miscellaneous Papers and Records
n.d. 3437 pieces
Miscellaneous records relating to railway and other transport undertakings. RAIL1057

Miscellaneous Returns and Statistics
n.d. 58 pieces RAIL1059

Mineral Statistics (York Collection)
n.d. 37 pieces RAIL1060

Parliamentary: Railway and Canal Acts
c.1720-1940 137 pieces
A fairly comprehensive collection of railway and canal acts. Gaps can be filled in RAIL1063-65. RAIL1062

Parliamentary: Special Acts
1685-1971 714 pieces
Acts on various matters affecting railways. RAIL1063

Parliamentary: Supplementary Acts
1722-1960 349 pieces
A supplementary collection of acts on various matters. RAIL1064

Parliamentary: Miscellaneous Acts, North Eastern Area, etc.
1558-1966 216 pieces
Miscellaneous acts mainly relating to north-eastern England. RAIL1065

Parliamentary: Bills and Minutes of Evidence, etc.
1825-1953 3037 pieces
Evidence, petitions and proceedings in connection with bills presented to Parliament. RAIL1066

Parliamentary: Bills and Minutes of Evidence: Railways and Canals, North Eastern Area
1825-1947 167 pieces
Evidence, petitions and proceedings in connection with bills presented to Parliament relating to north-eastern England. RAIL1067

Parliamentary: Bills and Minutes of Evidence: Other than Railways and Canals
1855-1946 311 pieces
Evidence, petitions and proceedings in connection with bills presented to

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(continued) Parliament relating to a wide variety of subjects including tramways, docks and bridges. RAIL1068

Parliamentary: Bills and Minutes of Evidence, Other than Railways and and Canals, North Eastern Area
1835-1946 40 pieces
Records similar to those in RAIL1068 affecting north-eastern England. RAIL1069

Parliamentary: Deposited Plans
n.d. 162 pieces
Plans of railways deposited in connection with bills presented to Parliament. RAIL1071

Patents: London, Midland and Scottish Railway Collection
1836-61 5 pieces
Papers relating to various railway patents. RAIL1072

Patents: Miscellaneous
1680-1904 61 pieces
Miscellaneous papers relating to railway patents. RAIL1073

Patents: Miscellaneous (York Collection)
1706-1825 5 pieces
Miscellaneous papers relating to railway patents from a collection formerly at York. RAIL1074

Railway Clearing House: Minutes and Reports
1841-1963 804 pieces
Minutes and reports on various railway matters presented to the Clearing House, established in 1842 to coordinate railway companies' activities and revenue collection. RAIL1080

Railway Clearing House: Minutes and Reports
n.d. 137 pieces
Records similar to those in RAIL1080, formerly kept at York. RAIL1081

Railway Clearing House: Junction Diagrams
n.d. 33 pieces RAIL1082

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Railway Clearing House: Deeds, Agreements, Contracts, Specifications, Estimates, Plans
n.d. 10 pieces
RAIL1084

Railway Clearing House: Miscellaneous Books and Records
n.d. 143 pieces
RAIL1085

Railway Clearing House: Miscellaneous Books and Records (York Collection)
n.d. 14 pieces
RAIL1086

Railway Companies' Association: Minutes and Reports
n.d. 50 pieces
Minutes and reports on various matters relating to railways and their operation.
RAIL1098

Railway Companies' Association: Minutes and Reports (York Collection)
n.d. 3 pieces
Records similar to those in RAIL1098, formerly kept at York.
RAIL1099

Railway Students' Association
n.d. 55 pieces
Records relating to the Association, founded in 1902 to further the study of railway problems.
RAIL1107

Reports of Commissions
1832-1966 137 pieces
Reports of various commissions concerning transport in general and railways in particular.
RAIL1119

Reports of Committees
n.d. 312 pieces
Reports, mostly of Parliamentary committees, relating to railway and other matters.
RAIL1124

Rules and Regulations, General Instructions and Appendices to Working Timetables: Rule Books
n.d. 554 pieces
Rules and instructions relating to the general and state working of railways.
RAIL1134

Rules and Regulations, General Instructions and Appendices to Working Timetables: General Instructions to Staff
n.d. 552 pieces
Specialised instructions issued to specific grades of railwaymen.
RAIL1135

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Rules and Regulations, General Instructions and Appendices to Working Timetables: Appendices to Railway Companies Working Timetables
n.d. 122 pieces
Instructions relating to traffic operations, special technical circumstances or local conditions. RAIL1136

Special Collections: Earl of Bradford's Collection
1809-95 40 pieces
Papers relating to railway and canal promotions affecting the Earl of Bradford's land and property. RAIL1147

Special Collections: IK Brunel Collection
1830-58 63 pieces
Various papers of IK Brunel on a wide range of engineering matters. RAIL1149

Special Collections: Sir Arthur Elton Collection
1834-1905 3 pieces
Various papers relating to railways in north-eastern England. RAIL1152

Special Collections: Fairbank Collection
1817-47 37 pieces
Various papers relating to the early period of railways construction. RAIL1153

Special Collections: Leeman Collection
1855-85 16 pieces
Papers of George Leeman, a director of the North Eastern Railway. Some relate to the Rosedale and Ferryhill Iron Company. RAIL1155

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British Railways: London Midland Region: Marine Records
1955-60 4 books
Specifications for single- and twin-screw cargo vessels; a twin-screw passenger and cargo vessel and for the single-screw, diesel engined hopper barge, Red Nab. AN39

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British Railways: Southern Region: Marine Records
19[illegible]8-61 55 maps and volumes
These include engineers' reports on ships. AN44

British Transport Commission: Shipping Services
1948-61 14 files and volumes
Registers of ships and statistical summaries and reports relating to the marine services of the Railway Executive and of the British Transport Commission itself. AN83

National Maritime Institute: Technical Memoranda
1976-80 50 booklets
Technical memoranda from the Institute, founded in 1976 to continue and develop the maritime work formerly carried out by the National Physical Laboratory. They relate to the performance, handling and safety of ships and off-shore structures, based on both hydrodynamic and aerodynamic research, as well as related aspects of civil engineering. The research was almost all commissioned and paid for by industrial customers. AY22

National Maritime Institute: Reports
1976-81 103 booklets
General reports on the work of the Institute, described under AY22.
[Records open immediately.] AY23

Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen: Transcripts and Transactions: Series I
1786-1854 601 volumes
Details of the registration of all ships over fifteen tons burden, including details of owners and masters, number of decks and masts, length, breadth and height between decks, depth of hold, tons burden and type of vessel. Indexes to these transcripts and transactions are in the class BT111. BT107

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Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen: Transcripts and Transactions: Series II
1855-89 386 volumes
Details of ships' registration giving information as in BT107 and in addition builders' names and addresses and particulars of ships' engines. Indexes are in the class BT111. BT108

Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen: Transcripts and Transactions: Series IV: Closed Registries
1891-1955 1976 bundles
Details of ships' registration, giving details as under BT108, arranged by the date when the registration ceased. This can be ascertained from Lloyd's Register. BT110

Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen: Statistical Register of Fishing Vessels
1887-1938 686 volumes and files
Details of annual returns of the fishing boats registered in each port. BT145

Committee of Enquiry into Trawler Safety
1957-69 93 files
Papers of the Committee set up in 1968 to investigate the safety of trawlers at sea. The Committee reported in 1969. BT149

Imperial Shipping Committee
1920-65 301 files
Papers of the Committee, established in 1920 and renamed the Commonwealth Shipping Committee in 1948. The Committee investigated particular problems and complaints relating to intra-imperial and commonwealth shipping and also made surveys of maritime transport facilities including ships, docks and harbours. Related papers are in MT9. BT188

Marine Safety (MS Series): Registered Files
1922-66 18 files
Files relating to marine safety including wreck and salvage matters, collision regulations, dangerous goods and bulk cargoes, pleasure craft and fishing vessel safety, pollution, and emergency planning. BT239

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Marine Navigational Aids (MNA Series): Registered Files
Files not yet received in PRO. BT243

Merchant Shipping Entry Books
1880-1921 16 volumes
Entry books of out-letters concerning the appointment of assessors to hold investigations under the Shipping Casualties Investigation Act 1879 and the Merchant Shipping Act 1894. HO154

Marine Out-Letters
1851-1939 1424 volumes
Entry books of out-letters relating to all aspects of maritime affairs. Some volumes are indexed, and there are further indexes in the class MT5. MT4

Marine Correspondence and Papers
1854-1969 5968 boxes and files
Correspondence and papers relating to all aspects of maritime affairs, including ships and shipping, shipbuilding, cargoes, communications, engines, equipment, meteorology, and wrecks and salvage. Registers and indexes for 1851-1919 are in MT85 and MT86 and further subject indexes for 1856-85 are in BT19. MT9

Consultative Marine Correspondence and Papers
1867-1964 1030 files
Papers relating to the survey and inspection of ships, engines, boilers, wireless and other equipment in the interest of safety. MT15

Admiralty Transport Department: Correspondence and Papers
1795-1917 820 boxes
Files relating to the transport by sea of military forces and their equipment. MT23

Ministry of Shipping (1917-1921): Correspondence and Papers
1914-28 88 files
Papers relating to the sea transport of military forces and supplies; food and raw materials for industry; Atlantic, Gibraltar and Russian convoys; shipping losses and tonnage requirements;

(continued) shipbuilding; and other matters related to the wartime control of shipping. MT25

Admiralty Transport Department: Letter Books
1857-69 13 volumes
Entry books of out-letters relating to the sea transport of military forces and their equipment. MT31

Admiralty Transport Department: Surgeon Superintendents' Journals of Convict Ships
1858-67 12 volumes
Journals of surgeon superintendents in charge of convicts, including medical reports. MT32

Sea Transport: Correspondence and Papers
1903-62 185 files
Files relating to the control of shipping for government purposes, particularly the transport of troops and stores during the Second World War. MT40

Shipping Control and Operation: Correspondence and Papers
1938-68 3096 files and volumes
Papers relating to the centralised direction of shipping in the Second World War. MT59

General Shipping Policy: Files
1922-71 327 files
Files relating to general shipping matters, shipbuilding and ship repairs. MT73

Great Western Railway Company: Marine Records
1897-1933 12 pieces
Records relating to the Company's shipping services. RAIL281

London Midland and Scottish Railway Company: Marine Records
1923-49 32 pieces
Records relating to the Company's shipping services. RAIL433

Southern Railway Company: Marine Records
1880-1949 74 pieces
Records relating to the Company's shipping services. RAIL655

5.4 PORTS, INLAND WATERWAYS AND FERRIES

Docks and Inland Waterways: Minutes and Reports
1953-63 12 volumes and files
Records of the Docks and Inland Waterways Board of Management of the British Transport Commission, covering all aspects of the Board's operations. AN71

Docks and Inland Waterways Executive: Minutes of Meetings
1947-53 5 volumes
The Executive was established in 1947, with responsibility for canals and the formerly railway-owned docks. It was abolished in 1952 and its powers assumed by the British Transport Commission itself. AN77

Docks and Inland Waterways Executive: Publications
1950-53 4 brochures
Pamphlets describing docks owned by the Executive. [Class open immediately.] AN78

Admiralty and Board of Trade Harbour Departments: Out-Letters
1848-1919 455 volumes
Entry books of out-letters relating to the regulation of harbours, navigation, pilotage, foreshores and wrecks. Indexes to the out-letters are in the class MT3. MT2

Board of Trade Harbour Department: Correspondence and Papers
1864-1920 2076 boxes and files
Correspondence and papers relating to the regulation of harbours, navigation, pilotage, foreshores and wrecks and also to electricity and gas undertakings. Subject indexes, 1856-85, are in BT19. MT10

Admiralty Harbour Department: Correspondence and Papers
1842-65 149 boxes
Papers relating to the regulation of harbours, docks and navigable rivers. MT19

Ferries Committee (1946): Correspondence and Papers
1938-54 83 files
Records of the Committee, appointed in 1946 to investigate ferry services linking trunk and classified roads in Great Britain. MT41

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Ports: Correspondence and Papers
1911-53 178 files
Papers relating to docks, harbours, piers and ferries. See also MT10. MT48

Inland Waterways: Correspondence and Papers
1917-64 244 files
Papers relating to inland waterways and the control of traffic on them. MT52

Port and Transit: Correspondence and Papers
1915-57 500 files
Papers relating to the control and handling of British and allied merchant shipping and cargoes in United Kingdom and overseas ports, together with some later papers relating to ports, docks, canals, piers and harbours. MT63

Ports: Registered Files: P Series
1866-1970 72 files
Files relating to the day to day operational activities of ports Most papers date from after the Second World War. MT81

Ports: Registered Files: PEP Series
1945-62 8 files
Papers relating to policy and planning in connection with civil and wartime emergencies in respect of seaports. MT82

Aire and Calder Navigation Undertaking
1634-1948 357 pieces RAIL800

Ashby-de-la-Zouche Canal Company
1781-1845 34 pieces RAIL803

Ashton-under-Lyne Canal Company
1792-1815 4 pieces RAIL804

Barnsley Canal Company
1787-1877 41 pieces RAIL806

Birmingham Canal Navigation Company
1767-1947 589 pieces RAIL810

Calder and Hebble Navigation Company
1756-1936 38 pieces RAIL815

Chesterfield Canal Company
1769-80 3 pieces RAIL817

5.4 PORTS, INLAND WATERWAYS AND FERRIES

Coventry Canal Navigation Company	1767-1948	280 pieces	RAIL818
River Derwent Navigation Commissioners	1701-1890	109 pieces	RAIL820
Dover Harbour Board	1897-1933	6 pieces	RAIL821
Ellesmere Canal Company	1791-1813	8 pieces	RAIL827
Erewash Canal Company	1877-1932	15 pieces	RAIL828
Grand Junction Canal Company	1793-1928	92 pieces	RAIL830
Holyhead Harbour Office	1832-1944	81 pieces	RAIL837
Hull Docks Company	1777-1896	26 pieces	RAIL840
Humber Conservancy Commissioners	1877-1914	14 pieces	RAIL841
Kennet and Avon Canal Navigation Company	1742-1957	180 pieces	RAIL842
Lancaster Canal Navigation Company	1772-1898	327 pieces	RAIL844
Lee Conservancy Board	1739-1948	168 pieces	RAIL845
Leeds and Liverpool Canal Company	1766-1948	127 pieces	RAIL846
Leicester Navigation Company	1790-1932	50 pieces	RAIL848
Loughborough Navigation Company	1766-1932	16 pieces	RAIL849
Mersey Ports and Manchester District Conference	1914-60	11 pieces	RAIL851
Montgomeryshire Canal Companies	1794-1847	17 pieces	RAIL852
Newhaven Harbour Company	1730-1926	17 pieces	RAIL853

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Oxford Canal Company
1769-1948 157 pieces RAIL855

Pocklington Canal Company
1801-63 14 pieces RAIL858

Regent's Canal Company
1812-1930 88 pieces RAIL860

Sankey Brook Navigation Company
1763 1 piece RAIL862

Sharpness Docks and Gloucester and Birmingham Navigation Company
1869-1948 133 pieces RAIL864

Stourbridge Extension Canal Company
1837-1906 8 pieces RAIL873

Stourbridge Navigation Company
1776-1942 17 pieces RAIL874

Swansea Canal Navigation Company
1794-1887 13 pieces RAIL876

Swansea Harbour Trust
1791-1923 114 pieces RAIL877

Trent and Mersey Canal Company
1777-1853 116 pieces RAIL878

Trent Navigation Company
1781-1947 100 pieces RAIL879

Warwick and Birmingham Canal Navigation
1793-1928 21 pieces RAIL881

Weaver River Navigation Trustees
1721-1948 426 pieces RAIL883

Canals, Docks and Shipping Collection
1760-1957 33 pieces
Miscellaneous records relating to various canal undertakings, docks and shipping. RAIL1019

Maps, Plans and Surveys: Canals and Inland Waterways
n.d. 90 pieces
Miscellaneous maps, plans and surveys of canals and inland waterways. RAIL1029

5.5 CIVIL AVIATION

Air Ministry Civil Aviation Files

1909-58 2829 files

Files relating to all aspects of civil aviation business, created mainly in the period when civil aviation was the responsibility of the Air Ministry (1919-45). The few files earlier than 1919 originated in the War Office, which in the early years had control over aeronautical developments. From 1945 the files include papers added by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and from October 1953 a few from the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation. The files are listed under subject codes, covering subjects including accidents; aerial navigation; aerial survey and photography; aircraft development and trials; engineers; registration and airworthiness. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] AVIA2

Civil Aviation Radio Advisory Committee: Correspondence and Papers

1945-60 46 files

Minutes and papers of the Committee established in 1945 to advise on radio research, development, production and application in civil aviation. AVIA35

Civil Aviation: R Series Files

1919-60 2634 files

Files from the Civil Aviation Department of the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Civil Aviation, which was established in 1945. The files cover a wide range of civil aviation matters including airports, air services, flying regulations and accidents. Other R Series files are in AVIA2. [Files relating to accidents are closed for 75 years.] BT217

Civil Aviation Departments: Safety and General Group

1927-66 314 files

Files relating to safety in the air and on the ground, training, licensing of aircraft and crew, and control of operating standards. BT248

Civil Aviation Departments: Navigational Services Group

1945-64 92 files

Files relating to air traffic control systems and subjects allied to navigational

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(continued) safety such as maps and charts, meteorological information, telecommunications, aerodrome approach lighting, etc. BT249

Air Safety Board: Minutes and Papers
1946-54 4 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Board, established in 1946 to advise the Minister on air safety matters, including aircraft construction, operating conditions, equipment, and air traffic control and telecommunications. BT256

5.5.1 AIRCRAFT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Whittle Papers
1935-52 1023 files and booklets
Private papers of Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle relating to the development of the jet engine, containing a collection of papers, notebooks, drawings, photographs, reports, etc., covering the period of Whittle's work and collaboration with many firms and individuals. There are also papers presented by VNL Butler, a member of Whittle's team. See also AVIA30. AIR62

Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough: Flight Log Books
1914-54 30 volumes
Logs recording all flights made from the Royal Aircraft Establishment aerodrome, including details of aircraft flown, names of pilots, details of flights, etc. The logs are at present on long-term requisition in the Main Library of the Royal Aircraft Establishment. AVIA1

Certificate of Airworthiness and Aircraft Registration: Representative Files
1929-73 187 files
Selected files illustrating the procedure, regulations, etc., governing the issue of certificates of airworthiness and aircraft registration under the Air Navigation Acts. AVIA4

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Royal Aircraft Establishment: Reports
1916-54 14812 reports
Technical reports and notes from the Establishment, covering such subjects as aerodynamics; armaments; barrages; blind landing; bombing trials; catapults; defence investigation; electrical engineering; engines; experimental flying; firing trials; gas; guided weapons; instrumentation; materials; mathematical services; mechanical engineering; metallurgy; naval aircraft; physics and chemistry; photography; radio; rocket propellants; structures; vibration.
AVIA6

Air Ministry: Inventions and Research and Development Files
1915-60 530 files
Files created in the Air Ministry when it was responsible for its own research and development (1918-May 1940). The few files earlier than 1918 were created either by the Air Department of the Admiralty or the Air Inventions Committee of the Air Board and Air Ministry. Some files include papers added after 1940 by the Ministry of Aircraft Production, the Ministry of Supply and the Ministry of Aviation. The files cover such subjects as aircraft, armaments, engines, fuels, metallurgy and radar and radio.
AVIA8

Royal Aircraft Establishment: Files
1918-63 1215 files
Files of various departments of the Establishment relating to engines; radio; instruments and electrical engineering; aerodynamics; chemistry, physics and materials; aircraft structures; armaments; defence inspectorate; mechanical engineering; and administration.
AVIA13

Royal Aircraft Establishment: Drawings
1911-44 97 bundles
Tracings of aircraft, engines and ancillary equipment designed and built at the Royal Aircraft Factory, Farnborough, between 1911 and 1918, together with some drawings of other aircraft and equipment of interest to the Royal Aircraft Establishment but not designed or built at Farnborough; some of the equipment is dated as late as 1944.
AVIA14

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Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment: Reports
1924-56 1291 folders
Reports of acceptance tests and trials on marine aircraft and their associated equipment and armaments as well as air-sea rescue operations. There are also reports of the Establishment's research into seaworthiness, stability and control on water, and water impact loads. Reports on non-marine aircraft are in AVIA18. AVIA19

Research and Development Establishment, Cardington: Reports
1915-47 634 files
Reports from the Establishment and its predecessors, the Royal Airship Works and the Balloon Development Establishment. Airship construction ceased in 1930, but work continued on studying airship development abroad along with experimental work on balloons. AVIA20

Research and Development Establishment, Cardington: Drawings
1917-40 780 drawings
Drawings of barrage, meteorological and observer balloons and their constructional details. Those from 1926 and after were produced at Cardington; earlier drawings are from various sources. AVIA24

Research and Development Establishment, Cardington: Correspondence and Papers
1933-44 40 files
Miscellaneous correspondence and papers relating to the design and development of balloons. AVIA25

National Gas Turbine Establishment: Reports
1939-67 3827 files
Reports, notes and memoranda from the Establishment formed after the purchase by the government of Power Jets Ltd., which had been formed by Flt. Lt. Whittle to develop the gas turbine aero-engine. Topics covered include aerodynamics; chemical physics and combustion; design; electronics; engine research and tests; gas dynamics; heat transfer; materials; metallurgy; naval marine wing tests; superchargers; supersonic data; turbo machinery; and vibration. AVIA28

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National Gas Turbine Establishment: Papers
Class not yet received in PRO. AVIA29

National Gas Turbine Establishment: Whittle Drawings
1936-47 600 negatives and drawings
Drawings and photographs of the various gas turbine aero-engines and their components developed by Power Jets Ltd. and its successors. The drawings include early combustion chambers, the WU engine, the W1 and W2 engine series, the W3 and the W4/[illegible] engines. AVIA30

Gas Turbine Collaboration Committee
1940-70 284 files
Minutes and papers of the Committee established in 1941 to encourage and guide collaboration and the exchange of information among firms engaged in gas turbine projects. Also included are the minutes and papers of sub-committees and panels on aerodynamics; anti-icing; blade vibration; combustion; discs; engine control; high temperature materials; manufacturing; materials; mechanical engineering; noise; power plant and airworthiness; and ramjet and rockets. AVIA31

Bristol Aeroplane Company Ltd.: Brabazon Aircraft
1945-48 171 folders and drawings
Type record sheets and selected assembly drawings for the first prototype (Mark 1) Brabazon Aircraft. AVIA47

Air Registration Board
1933-74 85 files and volumes
Minutes and papers of the Board, which was established to advise the Minister responsible for civil aviation on matters pertaining to the airworthiness of civil aircraft; the approval of modifications; the renewal of certificates of airworthiness; daily inspection certificates, etc. AVIA60

Ministry of Supply: Air Division
1952-65 27 files
Files relating to the Ministry's responsibilities for the development of new civil and military aircraft. AVIA63

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Concorde Project: Minutes of Meetings and Technical Reports
Records not yet received in PRO. BT242

Photographic Extracts: AVIA Group
1941 2 folders
Photographs of P-39 formation flying and NA73 (North American Aviation Inc.). CN6

Aeronautical Research Council: Minutes of Meetings
1909-40 99 volumes and folders
Minutes of the Aeronautical Research Council and its predecessors, the Advisory Committee on Aeronautics and the Aeronautical Research Committee. The Committee and Council have been responsible for advising ministers and supervising aeronautical research, working through a series of sub-committees and panels. DSIR22

Aeronautical Research Council: Reports and Papers
1909-47 15687 folders
Reports and papers relating to research, trials and examination of foreign work on a wide variety of aeronautical topics. including engines, aerodynamics, meteorology, materials, aircraft noise, airships, airworthiness, and elasticity and fatigue. DSIR23

Aeronautics Research Council: Correspondence
1909-45 83 folders
Papers relating to research carried out by the Council and to administrative matters. DSIR24

National Physical Laboratory: Amphibious Aircraft Test Reports
1918-29 43 files
Reports of tests on scale models of float sea planes and flying boats carried out in the William Froude National Tank, Teddington. DSIR42

5.5.2 ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Aircraft Accident Reports
1919-36 18 folders
Reports containing brief descriptions of accidents involving civil aircraft, giving details of aircraft; names of owners, pilots and passengers; opinions as to the cause of the accidents; and recommendations regarding defective design, etc. AVIA5

Air Transport Auxiliary
1939-47 20 files
The Auxiliary was composed of civilians whose principal task was the ferrying of aircraft from the factory for use by the fighting services. The records include returns and analyses of accidents. AVIA27

Civil Aviation: Accident Investigation Branch (AI/C Series Files)
1940-59 34 files
The Branch was responsible for investigating accidents to civil aircraft in or over the United Kingdom or elsewhere to aircraft registered in the United Kingdom. The Branch was established in the Air Ministry in 1922 and transferred successively to the new Ministry of Civil Aviation in 1945, to the new Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation in 1953, to the new Ministry of Aviation in 1959 and to the Board of Trade in 1966. Some files deal with particular accidents and others with policy and procedural matters. [Files relating to particular accidents are closed for 75 years.] BT218

Civil Aviation: Accident Investigation Branch (AI/C Series Files)
1948-60 111 files
See BT218. Files relating to particular accidents in the United Kingdom. [All the files are closed for 75 years.] BT219

Civil Aviation: Accident Investigation Branch (AI/CA Series Files)
1946-71 167 files
See BT218. Files relating to accidents overseas. [All the files are closed for 75 years.] BT220

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Civil Aviation: Accident Investigation Branch: AI/S Series Files (Service Aircraft)
1950-58 378 files
See BT218. Upon request the Branch helps the appropriate authorities in investigating accidents to service aircraft, and these files relate to such investigations. [All the files are closed for 75 years.] BT233

5.5.3 AIRPORTS

Third London Airport Commission: Registered Files
1968-71 62 files
Files of the Commission established in 1968 to investigate the siting of a third London airport. BT176

Civil Aviation Departments: Aerodromes Groups
1935-65 251 files
Files relating to the licensing, inspection, development, and regulation of civil airports and aerodromes. BT247

5.5.4 AIR SERVICES

Civil Aviation Departments: Air Services and International Relations Group
1939-72 549 files
Files relating to civil air services and to international relations in civil aviation. BT245

Air Transport Advisory Council: Minutes and Papers
1949-57 19 volumes
Records of the Council set up by the Civil Aviation Act 1947 to examine operators' applications to operate scheduled services and to make recommendations to the Minister upon such applications. Minutes of meetings from 1958 to 1961, when the Council ceased to function, are in BT245/9-19. BT257

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Posts and Telegraphs: Files
1890-1960 38 files
Files of the General Post Office relating to sponsorship for Cable and Wireless Ltd. and international telecommunications policy. These files passed to the Department of Industry after the GPO became a public corporation in 1969 and the dissolution of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in 1974. BT229

Committee of Imperial Defence: Imperial Communications Committee
1919-39 45 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committee covering all aspects of imperial communications by wireless and cable. CAB35

Committee of Imperial Defence: Standing Inter-Departmental Committee on Censorship
1924-39 20 volumes
Records of the Committee which dealt with the organisation of censorship, including the studies of the effects of developments in technology. [Records closed for 50 years.] CAB49

War Cabinet: Committees on Imperial Communications and Censorship
1939-46 22 volumes
Records of various committees responsible for imperial communications, telecommunications and censorship. CAB76

Radio Board and Committees
[Whole class retained by the Cabinet Office.] CAB125

Postal and Telegraphic Censorship Department
1920-50 334 files
Papers illustrating the work of postal and telegraphic censorship in the Second World War, together with papers relating to censorship in the First World War. [Records closed for 50 years.] DEFE1

Radio Research Board
1920-58 365 files
Files relating to radio research, including papers of committees on the propagation of wireless waves; atmospherics; directional wireless; thermionic valves; amplifiers and limiting valves;

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(continued) radio telephony; precision measurements and radio standards; production and utilisation of short electric waves; direction finding; field strength measurements; and navigational aids. DSIR11

International Telecommunications Conferences
1857-1963 379 files
Conference documents and papers reflecting Britain's involvement in international telecommunications conferences. HO257

Ministry of Information: Files of Correspondence
1936-50 990 files
Files of the Ministry of Information and its immediate forerunners, including files relating to broadcasting, censorship, and radio relations and communications. INF1

5.6.1 BROADCASTING

Committee on Broadcasting, 1960
1960-62 936 files, volumes, and magnetic tape
Records of the Committee appointed in 1960 under the chairmanship of Sir Harry Pilkington to consider the future of broadcasting services in the United Kingdom. HO244

Committee on the Future of Broadcasting, 1974 to 1977
1974-77 2118 files
Records of the Committee appointed in 1974 under the chairmanship of Lord Annan to consider the future of broadcasting services in the United Kingdom. HO245

Broadcasting Committee, 1949
1949-51 19 volumes
Records of the Committee appointed in 1949 and chaired by Lord Beveridge to consider the constitution, control, finance and other general aspects of sound and television broadcasting services in the United Kingdom. HO254

5.6.1 BROADCASTING

Radio Department: Registered Files
1922-74 200 files
Registered files created in the Post Office for matters for which the Home Office became responsible in 1974, when the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications was wound up. They relate to radio regulatory and broadcasting matters, including emergency services' radio; private licenses; frequency allocations; and interference. HO255

Broadcasting Department: Registered Files
1929-58 340 files
Files relating to broadcasting and television development; licensing and charging policy; broadcast relay exchanges; and television wire broadcasting. HO256

Television Advisory Committee
1933-67 35 files and drawings
Records of the Selsdon Committee, set up in 1934 to consider the development of television and to advise on the systems and conditions under which public service television should be provided; of the Television Advisory Committee established in 1945 to advise on the planning of the future television service, the co-ordination of research and the investigation of developments at home and abroad, and of the Television Advisory Committee established in 1952 to advise on the development of television and sound broadcasting at frequencies above 30 megacycles per second. HO258

5.6.2 THE PRESS

Royal Commission on the Press
1974-77 766 folders
Papers of the third Royal Commission on the Press set up in 1974. Particular subjects mentioned in its terms of reference include the economics of the industry; management and labour practices, employment conditions; and the distribution and concentration of ownership. [Evidence submitted to the Commission, its publications and drafts of its interim and final reports are open immediately.] BS2

6. TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Government concern for the promotion of industrial activity at home and the promotion of overseas trade led to the creation of the Board of Trade in the late seventeenth century. Direct intervention was rare, however, and until the twentieth century the Board relied largely on merchants and industrialists for its information. Nevertheless the reports, returns and petitions among its records contain a good deal of detailed information relating to particular industries and the problems encountered in specific branches of overseas trade.

Information relating to particular products can be found in the records of patents and registered designs. Before the creation of the Patent Office the grant of a patent for invention involved the inventor in a complicated series of applications to masters in Chancery, the secretaries of state, the law offices of the Crown, the lord privy seal and the lord chancellor. The grant of letters patent was recorded by enrolling the text on the Patent Rolls (C66, see below). Occasionally, but by no means always, the letters patent included details of the invention, but in the early eighteenth century the grant of the patent became conditional upon the lodging of a detailed specification which was also enrolled in Chancery, at either the Enrolment Office (for enrolment on the Close Rolls, C54) or the Rolls or Petty Bag Offices (for enrolment on their Specification and Surrender Rolls, C73 and C210).

Transcripts of the entries on the Patent Rolls from 1617 to September 1852 were published in a continuously numbered sequence after the formation of the Patent Office in 1852. Since then specifications have been published regularly; basic information about patent applications is also available in the weekly Official Journal (Patents). For further information enquire of the Science Reference Library, 25 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1AW.

Copyright protection for the designs of all kinds of manufactured goods and textiles was first introduced in 1839. Representations of these designs registered for copyright purposes are arranged in a complicated series according to the Act under which they were registered. Details of design certificates of registrations since 1910 are available in the Official Journal (Patents) and from the Science Reference Library.

The First World War brought an unprecedented degree of control over industry and overseas trade, including controls over the supply of raw materials and over particular industries such as cotton and iron and steel (some information about these controls can be found in Part A of this guide, especially in section 2). These controls were relaxed after the end of the war, but the industrial problems of the inter-war years brought renewed efforts to stimulate industrial development and production, especially in the depressed areas. Controls over industry and trade in the Second World War were much more extensive than in the First, with an attempt to co-ordinate the production of almost the whole of British industry and to regulate prices (for further information, again see section 2 of Part A of this guide). These controls were again relaxed after the war, although the iron and steel industry was nationalised in 1949 and controls over the supply of raw materials were reimposed during the Korean War.

As well as concern with trade and industry in general the government has had a more direct involvement with particular industries, notably in the production of stamps and coins and in the supply of stationery and office equipment for its own use. Records relating to these are included in this section.

Government concern with questions of labour and employment began in the late nineteenth century with the collection by the Board of Trade of labour statistics. Measures to regulate the employment of labour in the First World War led to the creation of the Ministry of Labour in 1916 with responsibilities for employment and industrial relations as well as unemployment relief. Classes relating to general questions of employment and industrial relations are included in this section: classes relating to employment and industrial relations questions specifically in government departments and the nationalised industries have been excluded from this guide.

Section 6 lists classes relating to trading and industrial matters in general, including the controls exercised in the two world wars.

Section 6.1 lists classes relating to overseas trade statistics of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries collected by the Customs service. Later trade statistics are included in the class BT70 in section 6.

Section 6.2 lists classes relating to records of patents and designs.

Section 6.3 lists classes relating to particular industries: cotton (6.3.1); furniture (6.3.2); glassware, optical instruments and potash (6.3.3); iron and steel (6.3.4); shipbuilding (6.3.5); stamps and coins (6.3.6); and stationery and office equipment (6.3.7).

Section 6.4 lists classes relating to labour and employment questions in general. A sub-section deals with the employment and training of engineers (6.4.1).

Section 6.5 lists classes relating to industrial safety measures and their enforcement. Sub-sections deal with explosives (6.5.1); and radioactive substances (6.5.2). Classes relating to the medical aspects of industrial injuries and diseases are listed above in section 4.1.1.

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Board of Trade General In-Letters and Files
1791-1863 569 volumes and boxes
Papers presented to the Board of Trade covering all aspects of British trade and industry, including petitions and reports relating to particular industries. Minutes of the discussions on these papers are in the class BT5 and related out-letters are in BT3. BT1

Miscellanea
1697-1921 297 bundles and volumes
Reports, returns and other papers relating to a wide variety of trading and industrial matters including trade statistics and reports from consuls overseas. BT6

Enemy Debts Committee
1916-19 26 boxes
Papers of the Committee, established in 1916 to formulate arrangements for the liquidation after the war of commerical transactions between British and enemy traders whose completion had been prevented by the outbreak of the war. The bulk of the papers consists of evidence submitted to the Committee and analyses of the evidence. BT8

Import Duties Advisory Committee
1931-45 156 volumes and boxes
Papers of the Committee, established in 1932 to recommend variations in tariffs and amendments to the list of free goods. [Records closed for 50 years.] BT10

Commercial Department: Correspondence and Papers
1866-1969 5261 boxes and files
Papers of the Commercial Department, which was responsible for overseas trade policy and advice. Papers cover all aspects of international trade and include much information about commodities and industrial goods as well as the trade in them. Very few records survive from before 1914. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] BT11

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Ministry of Production: Correspondence and Papers
1936-46 1190 boxes and pieces
Records of the Ministry, founded in 1942, and its predecessors in the Ministry of Supply. The Ministry acted as a co-ordinator, planning the production of munitions between British service and supply departments and between the United Kingdom and the United States. A non-munitions supply division was later added to the Ministry to co-ordinate and plan the production of items such as textiles and agricultural machinery and the Ministry was merged with the Board of Trade at the end of the War. Topics covered include munitions, machine tools, raw materials supply, railway equipment, radio equipment and factory production systems. Numerical and subject indexes are in BT29 and 30, respectively. BT28

Records of Departmental Committees
1910-59 127 boxes and files
Records of various boards and committees for which the Board of Trade was responsible. Many were concerned with the investigation of particular industries such as cotton and other textiles; chemicals and dyestuffs; electrical trades; engineering; glassware; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals; pottery; scientific and medical instruments; and shipbuilding. BT55

Chief Industrial Adviser
1929-32 50 boxes
Records from the Office of the Adviser, appointed in 1929 to co-operate with industry in an attempt to develop and reorganise production and distribution. Many files deal with technical developments in a wide range of industries including textiles and iron and steel and with the establishment of new industries and factories. BT56

Council for Art and Industry
1934-40 35 boxes
Papers of the Council established in 1934 to deal with the relationship between art and industry. Many files deal with problems of industrial design. BT57

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Industries and Manufactures Department: Correspondence and Papers
1919-66 5147 boxes and files
Records of the Department which has since 1918 been responsible for industrial policy. Files relate to all aspects of industry, and a high proportion deal with specific industries and commodities, from adhesives and aircraft to wire and yarn. Many files contain technical and scientific information about these industries. There is a subject index. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] BT64

Profiteering Act Department
1919-21 92 files
Files of the Department set up in 1919 to investigate and proceed against profiteers. Files on the profits in industries such as oil, building materials and clothing contain some technical information. BT68

Statistical Department, etc.: Correspondence and Papers
1918-71 613 boxes and files
Files relating to shipping statistics; trade returns; censuses and indexes of production in particular industries; industrial development surveys; censuses of distribution; and price surveys. BT70

Ministry of Production: Ministers' and Officials' Papers
1939-45 198 files
Papers from the minister's private office, including many dealing with supplies, requirements and production of military equipment. BT87

Central Price Regulation Committee
1939-53 549 pieces
Papers of the Committee established to administer the Prices of Goods Act 1939. These include detailed papers on the costing of specific products, including textiles, furniture and household utensils. BT94

Industrial Supplies Department
1937-48 227 files
Papers of the department set up in 1939 to deal with questions of priority for raw materials and industrial

(continued) capacity for civil needs. The files deal especially with the engineering industry, textiles and steel. Before and after the Second World War these questions were dealt with by the Industries and Manufactures Department (see BT64). BT96

Standards Department: Correspondence and Papers
1829-1966 1435 files, etc.
Papers dealing with weights and measures, weighing and measuring equipment and inspection. BT101

War Histories (1939-1945): Files
1916-52 116 pieces
Copies of documents extracted from registered files and used in the preparation of the Civil Industry and Trade volume of the Official History of the Second World War. In addition there are narratives written by officials and used in the preparation of the volume, The Control of Raw Materials in the Official History. BT131

Ministry of Materials: Files
1939-58 257 files
Files of the Ministry established in 1951 as a result of the Korean War to administer controls over the supply of raw materials. They deal with supplies for the textile, non-ferrous metal, paper and other industries. The files were selected from those of the Ministry which did not pass to the Board of Trade, which took over its responsibilities in 1954. BT161

Ministry of Materials: Private Office Papers
1950-51 59 files
Papers from the minister's private office, dealing with subjects similar to those described under BT161. BT172

Distribution of Industry and Regionalisation Division: Correspondence and Papers
1940-73 1727 files
Papers relating to industries and industrial policy in development areas, including a number of surveys of the distribution of industry as well as files on individual firms and projects. BT177

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German Division Files
1944-53 540 files
Files dealing with policy on reparations and the economic control of Germany after the Second World War. Many files include reports on specific industries and scientific and technological developments in Germany. BT211

Merchandise Marks Standing Committee: Papers
1886-1953 1454 files
Papers of the Committee established in 1926 to hear applications from manufacturers for the marking of the country of origin on imported goods. These papers include written and transcripts of oral evidence submitted in supporting or opposing such applications, and the Committee's reports on them. They thus include information on a wide range of industries, from abrasive cloth and wheel manufacturing to wrought holloware. BT215

Consumer Safety Unit: Files
1929-55 13 files
Files relating to accidents in the home caused by gas, electrical applicances, perambulators, fireworks, etc. The files were created in the Home Office, which was responsible for consumer safety until 1974 when the Unit was established in the new Department of Prices and Consumer Protection. Since 1980 the responsibility has lain with the Department of Trade. BT223

Import Licensing Branch
1923-66 472 files
Files relating to the import licensing schemes introduced to conserve foreign exchange and shipping in the First and Second World Wars and after. Many files deal with applications relating to particular products, from aromatics and perfumes to wireless components. BT230

Export Licensing Branch: Files
1953-57 36 files
Files relating to the licensing and control of the export of military goods, strategic materials, scientific equipment, live animals and works of art. BT234

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Commercial Relations and Export Division: Policy, General and Record (P, G and R) Files
1949-70 452 files
Files relating to British trade interests overseas including such subjects as quota arrangements, import/export facilities and control, international commodity policy and general economic policy. Many files deal with individual products or commodities. BT241

Export Licensing Branch: Policy, General and Record (P, G and R) Files
1940-72 52 files
Files relating to general and policy matters on the export of a wide range of products of military and strategic significance, livestock and works of art. BT246

Design Council
Files not yet received in PRO. BT254

Industry and Manufacturers Department: Policy, General and Record (P, G and R) Files
Files not yet received in PRO. BT258

Specimens of Classes of Documents Destroyed
1849-1970 29 volumes, etc.
These include specimen registers and indexes of patents and files relating to investment grants and allowances for computer equipment. BT900

War Trade Advisory Committee
1914-19 114 folders
Records of the Committee established in 1915 to advise on the restriction of enemy supplies and to co-ordinate the control of the export of raw materials. Sub-committee papers deal with various strategic products and raw materials in detail. CAB39

War Priorities Committee
1917-19 171 files
Records of the Committee established in 1917 to consider priorities in the manufacture and supply of aircraft and munitions. Sub-committee papers deal in detail with various

(continued) products and special problems such as machine tools, iron and steel, chemicals, textiles and electricity, and gas services. CAB40

Committee of Imperial Defence: Advisory Committee on Trade Questions in Time of War
1924-39 15 volumes
Records of the Committee dealing with such questions as requisitioning and blockade. CAB47

Committee of Imperial Defence: Industrial Intelligence in Foreign Countries
1928-39 10 volumes
Records of the ministerial and official committees which oversaw the collection of intelligence relating to the industrial capacity and resources of foreign countries. [Records closed for 50 years.] CAB48

Joint American Secretariat: Secretary's Files
1942-47 250 files
Papers relating to the co-ordination of policy matters in Anglo-American supply and the exchange of scientific and technical information on production matters. CAB110

Board of Trade Original Correspondence
1654-1792 95 volumes, etc.
Papers of the seventeenth and eighteenth century Board of Trade relating to foreign and domestic trade. References to these papers can be found in registers in the class CO326 under the headings "trade" and "miscellaneous". CO388

Board of Trade Miscellanea
1654-1799 15 volumes, etc.
These volumes include trade statistics, excise statistics, shipping returns and reports, mainly from the early eighteenth century. CO390

Foreign Office General Correspondence after 1906: Commercial
1906-20 2269 volumes
Correspondence and papers relating to commercial relations with foreign countries. FO368

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Confidential Print: Economic Affairs, General
1932-39 6 volumes
Correspondence relating to international economic and trade conferences, economic surveys and trade statistics. FO433

Foreign Trade Department
1916-19 18 volumes
Records of the Foreign Trade Department of the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Blockade relating to the regulation of foreign trade during the First World War. FO833

Chief Inspector of Taxes Office: Registered Files
1907-76 131 files
Papers relating to claims by traders' associations, manufacturers, etc., for tax relief in respect of wear and tear, depreciation, etc., of plant and equipment. IR82

Treasury Special Areas Loans Advisory Committee
1937-48 80 files
Files relating to the provision of loans to a wide variety of industrial undertakings in the special areas (north-east England, Cumberland, South Wales and parts of east Scotland). T187

Trade Facilities Act Advisory Committee
1917-60 276 files
Files relating to applications for the guarantee of loans for capital undertakings calculated to promote employment in the United Kingdom. The papers cover a wide variety of engineering, electrical and transport schemes in the United Kingdom and overseas. T190

Trade and Industry Division: Files
1930-53 343 files
Files relating to Treasury involvement with trade, industry, transport, energy and scientific and industrial research. Many files deal with the nationalisation of basic industries after 1945. The files date from 1948 onwards, but many files contain earlier papers. T228

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Central Priority Department:
Allocation of Raw Materials
1938-46 153 files
Files relating to the co-ordination of the supply and allocation of raw materials during the Second World War. T246

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Inspector General's Accounts of Imports and Exports
1696-1702 10 volumes
Summaries of the imports and exports of the Port of London and the outports in England and Wales. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST2

Ledgers of Imports and Exports
1697-1780 82 volumes
Summaries of the nature and quantities of goods imported and exported at the Port of London and the outports, and of the countries abroad importing and exporting. Tables based on these ledgers have been published by EB Schumpeter, English Overseas Trade Statistics, 1697-1808 (Oxford, 1961). List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST3

Ledgers of Imports and Exports under Countries
1809-99 94 volumes
Ledgers giving under the names of the exporting countries the several articles imported from each with their quantities, official values and gross duties. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST4

Ledgers of Imports under Articles
1792-1899 164 volumes
Ledgers giving the same information as in CUST4 but arranged under articles. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST5

Ledgers of Imports into Colonies under Countries
1832-53 22 volumes
Ledgers giving, under the colonies into which they were imported, the quantities

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(continued) and values of goods imported, the countries from which they were imported, and whether they were carried in British or foreign ships. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST6

Ledgers of Imports into Colonies under Articles
1832-53 22 volumes
Ledgers giving the same information as in CUST6 but arranged under articles. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST7

Ledgers of Exports of British Merchandise under Countries
1812-99 140 volumes
Ledgers giving, under countries, the quantity and value of British exports. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST8

Ledgers of Exports of British Merchandise under Articles
1812-99 109 volumes
Ledgers giving the quantity and value of British exports, arranged under articles and distinguishing the official value and the real or declared value. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST9

Ledgers of Exports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise under Countries
1809-99 97 volumes
Ledgers giving, under the countries to which they were exported, the quantity and value of British re-exports. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST10

Ledgers of Exports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise under Articles
1809-99 127 volumes
Ledgers giving the same information as in CUST10, arranged under articles. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST11

Ledgers of Exports from Colonies under Countries
1832-53 22 volumes
Ledgers giving the quantities and values of goods exported from the

(continued) colonies, arranged under the countries to which they were exported. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST12

Ledgers of Exports from Colonies under Articles
1832-53 22 volumes
Ledgers giving the same information as in CUST12, arranged under articles. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST13

Ledgers of Imports and Exports, Scotland
1755-1827 39 volumes
Ledgers giving the quantities and values of goods imported into and exported from Scotland and the countries from which they were imported or to which they were exported. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST14

Ledgers of Imports and Exports, Ireland
1698-1829 140 volumes
Ledgers giving the total values of imports into and exports from Ireland each year, arranged under the countries importing or exporting. Until 1819 there are separate returns from each Irish port. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST15

Ledgers of Imports and Exports, America
1768-73 1 volume
Lists of imports and exports at North American ports showing the countries from which they were imported or to which they were exported, together with accounts of ships entering and clearing. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST16

States of Navigation, Commerce and Revenue
1772-1808 30 volumes
Yearly statistical tables giving (1) accounts of the number of vessels, their tonnage and crew, built and registered in British and colonial ports, and of the vessels entering and clearing those ports; (2) accounts of the total values of British imports

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(continued) and exports; (3) accounts of annual payments into the Exchequer of customs, excise and other duties. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.20. CUST17

Statistics: Trade and Shipping
1699-1828 5 volumes
Volumes of statistics of imports and exports, of shipping and of revenue. CUST36

6.2 PATENTS AND DESIGNS

Close Rolls

From the early eighteenth century until 1853 specifications of patent inventions were enrolled on the Close Rolls. A calendar of specifications was published in the Public Record Office Deputy Keeper's Reports, vol.VI, App.II, pp.155-203; vol.VII, App.II, pp.189-210; and vol.VIII, App.II, pp.82-134. C54

Patent Rolls

Letters patent for inventions were enrolled on the Patent Roll until 1853. Some of the early patents include details of the invention, but many merely record the name of the invention. C66

Rolls Chapel Office: Specification and Surrender Rolls
1712-1848 140 rolls and 2 bundles
These include specifications of patent inventions. A calendar for 1712-1837 was published in the Public Record Office Deputy Keeper's Reports, vol.VI, App.II, pp.116-54 and vol.VII, App.II, pp.101-87. C73

Petty Bag Office: Specification and Surrender Rolls
1709-1848 287 rolls
These include specifications of patent inventions. C210

6.2 PATENTS AND DESIGNS

Patent Office: Design Copyright Act 1839: Representations

1839-42 17 volumes

Representations of the designs of all kinds of manufactured goods and some textiles deposited with the Registrar of Designs in order to gain protection under the Act. Cotton, woollen, linen, silk and some other textiles were protected under earlier Acts but no registers or representations made under them survive. There are no registers for this series, but an alphabetical index of proprietors' names is included in BT44/31-38. BT42

Patent Office: Ornamental Design Act 1842: Representations

1842-85 432 volumes

Representations of the designs of manufactured goods, deposited with the Registrar of Designs in order to gain protection under the Act. They are in 13 categories: for goods made chiefly of (1) metal; (2) wood; (3) glass; (4) earthenware; for (5) paperhangings; (6) carpets; (7) printed shawls; (8) non-printed shawls; (9) yarns, threads and warps; (10) printed fabrics; (11) "furniture" fabrics; (12) other woven fabrics; (13) lace. Registers of these representations are in BT44. BT43

Patent Office: Non-Ornamental ("Useful") Designs Act 1843: Representations

1843-84 30 volumes

Representations of the designs of useful, as distinct from ornamental, manufactured goods, deposited with the Registrar of Designs in order to gain protection under the Act. Registers of the representations are in BT46, which includes a subject index. BT45

Patent Office: Provisional and Sculpture Designs Act 1850: Representations

1851-83 11 volumes

Representations of the designs of both useful and ornamental manufactured goods, deposited with the (continued) Registrar of Designs in order to gain provisional registration for one year without prejudice to later full registration under the 1842 and 1843 Acts (see BT43 and 45). There are also representations of sculptures registered under the 1850 Act. Registers of the representations are in BT48, which also includes a register of certificates issued by the attorney general to protect otherwise unprotected inventions exhibited at the Great Exhibition of 1851. BT47

Patent Office: Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Act 1883: Designs Representations
1884-1908 709 volumes
Representations of designs of all kinds of manufactured goods, deposited with the Registrar of Designs in order to gain protection under the Act, which amalgamated all the previous categories into which designs had been divided. Registers of the representations are in BT51. BT50

Patent Office: Patents and Designs Act 1907: Representations
1908-10 165 volumes and boxes
Representations of the designs of all kinds of manufactured goods, deposited with the Registrar of Designs in order to gain protection under the Act. There are separate series for textiles and non-textiles. Registers of the representations are in BT53. BT52

Patents Appeal Tribunal: Files
1933-53 27 files
A random selection of case papers in appeals against decisions of the Comptroller General of Patents, including printed copies of specifications. For earlier files see LO4. J105

Patents for Inventions
1839-85 45 bundles
Papers relating to the issue of letters patent, including particulars of inventions. LO1

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Patents Appeal Files
1906-33 40 files
A random selection of case papers in appeals to the Law Officers against decisions of the Comptroller General of Patents or his chief examiner, including printed copies of specifications. For appeal files after 1932 see J105. L04

Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors (1919-1937)
1919-37 830 files
Records of the Commission established in 1919 to investigate and adjudicate on claims from those whose inventions were used by the armed forces and other government departments in the First World War in circumstances where their inventions were not protected by patents. T173

Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors (1946)
1939-55 111 boxes, etc.
Records of the Commission established in 1947 to investigate and adjudicate on claims from those whose inventions were used by the armed forces and other government departments in the Second World War in circumstances where their inventions were not protected by patents. T166

6.3.1 COTTON

Cotton Control Board
1915-28 48 boxes, etc.
Records of the Board, established in 1917 to administer orders made by the Board of Trade under the Defence of the Realm Act for the control of the cotton industry. The bulk of the records consist of various censuses of the industry. BT7

6.3.2 FURNITURE

Utility Furniture Drawings
1943-49 199 drawings and files
Drawings and specifications of the standard designs of furniture introduced during the Second World War. Files relating to the utility furniture scheme are in BT64 (see section 6). BT183

6.3.3 GLASSWARE, OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS AND POTASH

Ministry of Munitions: Optical Munitions, Glassware and Potash
1915-20 14 boxes
Papers dealing with the production of optical instruments and glassware and potash during and immediately after the First World War. These became the responsibility of the Board of Trade in 1919, and later papers are in BT64. (see section 6). BT66

6.3.4 IRON AND STEEL

Iron and Steel Board Records
1945-68 1147 files and rolls
Records of the Board including files dealing with production and development. BE1

Iron and Steel Division: Registered Files
1941-69 161 files
Files relating to supply and demand for iron and steel, the development of the industry, supplies of raw materials, and relations with international organisations. The files are mostly from the Ministry of Power, but they include some from the Ministry of Supply, which was responsible for iron and steel from 1939 to 1955. Since 1969 the responsibility has lain with the Ministry of Technology, Board of Trade, Department of Trade and Industry and Department of Industry. BT255

Ministry of Supply: Iron and Steel Control: Registered Files
1930-53 120 files
Files relating to the control of iron and steel supply and distribution during the Second World War. POWE5

6.3.5 SHIPBUILDING

Committee of Inquiry into the Shipbuilding Industry (Geddes Committee)
1964-66 50 files
Minutes, papers and reports of the Committee appointed in 1965 to

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(continued) investigate the organisation and methods of production of the British shipbuilding industry. BT186

Shipbuilding Advisory Committee
1946-66 15 volumes
Papers of the Committee established in 1946 to advise the government on all matters affecting the efficiency and stability of the shipbuilding industry. BT199

6.3.6 STAMPS AND COINS

Journals of Edwin and Ormond Hill
1841-97 17 volumes
Journal and drafting books of Edwin, brother of Sir Rowland Hill, and his son Ormond, who were responsible for the early production and development of postage stamps. IR42

Office of Director of Stamping: Miscellaneous
1811-1966 181 files and volumes
Papers relating mainly to the printing and manufacture of postage and other stamps. IR79

Office of Director of Stamping: Registered Files
1876-1973 103 files
Papers relating mainly to the manufacture and control of postage and other stamps and currency notes and to machinery and equipment. IR80

Royal Mint: Record Books
1572-1910 58 volumes
Record books of entries of accounts, appointments, correspondence, memoranda, minutes, orders, petitions, proceedings, proclamations, reports, returns and various other documents. MINT1

Buildings and Machinery
1653-1935 142 volumes and files
Records relating to the building and site of the Mint at the Tower of London and on Tower Hill; to machinery and plant; and to security arrangements. MINT5

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Coinage: Imperial (General)
1572-1947 156 volumes and files
Records relating to the imperial or British coinage as a whole, arranged under headings including contracts for coinage, currency notes, decimal coinage, defacement of coins, design of coins, proof pieces, specimen coins, and token coin. MINT7

Coinage: Imperial (Copper, Bronze and Base Metal)
1672-1943 37 volumes and files
Records relating to copper, bronze and base metal coinage. MINT8

Coinage: Imperial (Gold and Silver)
1625-1945 242 volumes
Records relating to gold and silver coinage. MINT9

Coinage: Imperial (Silver Recoinage 1696)
1696-1701 56 volumes and files
Records relating to the replacement of hammer-struck silver moneys by milled silver coins in 1696. MINT10

Coinage: Imperial (Silver Exchange 1817)
1816-19 79 volumes and files
Records relating to the new silver coinage of 1817 and the exchange of old coins for the new. MINT11

Coinage: Channel Islands, Ireland, Isle of Man and Scotland
1661-1940 26 volumes and files
Records relating to the local currencies in circulation in the British Isles. MINT12

Coinage: Colonial and Foreign
1684-1943 247 volumes and files
Records relating to colonial and foreign currencies and mints and refineries. MINT13

Dies, Matrices and Puncheons
1685-1943 54 volumes and files
Records relating to dies, matrices and puncheons produced by the Mint. MINT14

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Medals
1805-1948 123 volumes and files
Records relating to medals produced by the Mint. MINT16

Branch Mints
1851-1937 203 volumes and files
Records relating to the branch mints at Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Ottawa, Bombay and Pretoria. MINT17

Miscellaneous
1657-1951 41 volumes and files
Records relating to various matters including assay offices, the Bank of England, Davy plate, imperial standards, the lead tax, seals, stamps and tin marketing. MINT18

Newton Papers
c.1688-1726 6 volumes
Papers of Sir Isaac Newton as warden and then master of the Mint, including papers on scientific, historical and theological matters. MINT19

Registered Files: Annual Series
1901-67 2488 files
General files arranged under headings including land, buildings and plant; coinage; decorations and medals; seals; embossing dies; and branch and other mints. MINT20

Sir Charles Fremantle Papers
1869-94 60 papers and files
Papers of Sir Charles Fremantle as deputy master of the Royal Mint relating to coinage; the proposed re-siting of the Mint; and branch mints in Australia. MINT23

Annual Reports of the Deputy Master and Comptroller
1870-1978 42 booklets
Copies of the published annual reports. [Records open immediately.] MINT26

Hocking Papers
1830-1953 28 files and volumes
Papers of William John Hocking who retired from the Royal Mint as superintendent in 1926. They relate to his published works on coins and medals. MINT28

6.3.7 STATIONERY AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Files of Correspondence: Series I
1858-1920 44 boxes
Files relating to all aspects of the Stationery Office's work, including the supply and testing of paper, office equipment and machinery, and printing. STAT12

Files of Correspondence: Series II
1871-1974 2212 files
Files similar to those in STAT12, but dating from 1921. Some files contain papers of much earlier date. STAT14

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Ministry of Labour: Correspondence
1897-1933 2186 boxes
Papers relating to all aspects of the work of the Ministry of Labour and its predecessors before 1934. Subjects covered include labour supply, labour relations, wages and hours, strikes and lockouts, unemployment insurance, and training. Subject indexes to the papers are in LAB7. LAB2

Employment
1909-73 2202 files
Files relating to all aspects of employment and manpower, including papers relating to registrations for employment in scientific, professional and technical fields. For other records before 1934, see LAB2. LAB8

Industrial Relations: General
1895-1969 1416 files, etc.
Files dealing with industrial disputes, wage claims, differentials, arbitration and conciliation machinery, etc., including the papers of a large number of committees, boards, councils, etc. For other papers before 1934 see LAB2. LAB10

Industrial Relations: Trade Boards and Wages Councils
1910-74 2636 files
Reports and records of trade boards, wages councils, and the

(continued) wages inspectorate and files of general information on various industries. For other papers before 1934 see LAB2. LAB11

Statistics
1918-75 222 files
Files relating to statistics on employment, unemployment, vacancies, placing, earnings, wage rates, hours of work, labour costs, industrial disputes, family expenditure, and the index of retail prices. See also LAB41. LAB17

Training
1922-73 649 files
Files relating to government-sponsored training schemes for various industries. For other papers before 1934 see LAB2. See also LAB19 and 20. LAB18

Youth Employment
1913-69 518 files
Files relating to youth employment and training. For other files see LAB2 and 18. LAB19

Disabled Persons
1919-63 642 files
Files relating to the rehabilitation and employment of disabled persons, including many files of schemes to aid the employment of the disabled. See also LAB2 and 18. LAB20

Trade Disputes: Record Books
1901-60 77 volumes
Analyses of returns of all strikes and lock-outs from 1901, analysed by industry, location and occupation, and giving details of the numbers of workers affected, the period covered by the dispute, the cause and the outcome. LAB34

Statistics Branch: Selected Working Papers
1880-1965 245 folders and volumes
Returns and reports on a variety of labour and employment matters, including returns of wages and hours, details of collective agreements, profit-sharing and co-partnership schemes, and statistics of trade unions and employers' associations. See LAB2 and 17. LAB41

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Manpower Services Commission: Annual Reports
1974-79 5 booklets
Annual reports of the Commission, established in 1974 to run employment and training services formerly undertaken by the Department of Employment and to advise the government on wider manpower policies. LAB64

Statistics Branch: Returns of Trade Unions and Employers' Associations
1895-1969 111 files
Examples of voluntary returns (made annually) giving details of the membership of trade unions and employers' associations. Summaries of the returns are published annually in the Department of Employment Gazette. LAB69

Research Publications
Files not yet received in PRO. LAB71

6.4.1 ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS

Committee of Inquiry into the Engineering Profession (Finniston Committee)
1977-80 347 files
Records of the Committee appointed in 1977 to review the requirements of British industry for professional and technician engineers; the role of the engineering institutions; the advantages and disadvantages of statutory registration and licensing; and the arrangements in other major industrial countries. [The publications of the Committee are open immediately.] BT251

Committee (Haselgrave) on Technician Courses and Examinations
1967-69 35 files
Records of the Committee established in 1967 to review the provision of courses for technicians at all levels. ED163

6.5 INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MEASURES AND CONTROLS

Factories Entry Books
1836-1921 53 volumes
Entry books of out-letters to inspectors of factories and (from 1843 to 1855) of mines. The inspectors supervised the regulation of working conditions in factories and mines. For later out-letters to inspectors of mines see HO95. For earlier letters to factory inspectors see HO43 (section 1). HO87

Safety, Health and Welfare: General
1878-1968 532 files
Files relating to factory inspection concerning the employment of women and young persons and special precautions for particular industries or types of machinery. For other papers before 1934 see LAB2 (section 6.4). LAB14

Government Wool Disinfecting Station
1897-1956 57 volumes, booklets, and folders
Miscellaneous records and publications relating to the work of the station, established in Liverpool in 1918 and responsible for disinfecting all imported wool and hair as a preventive measure against anthrax. LAB46

Inter-Departmental Working Party on the Gowers Committee Report
1949-52 17 files, etc.
Records of the working party which examined the report of the Gowers Committee concerning health, welfare and safety in non-industrial places of employment. LAB55

HM Factory Inspectorate: Specimens of Regional Office Papers
1903-71 196 files and volumes
Reports, accident returns, companies files, conference minutes and other papers from the South Western Regional Office illustrating the work of the inspectorate. LAB67

Alkali Works: Correspondence and Papers
1873-98 9 boxes
Papers relating to the regulation of chemical processes and licensing of alkali and other chemical works. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.96. MH16

6.5.1 EXPLOSIVES

Explosives Entry Books
1873-1921 41 volumes
Entry books of out-letters relating to the control and inspection of explosives. Earlier out-letters are in HO43 (section 1) and HO136. HO133

Miscellaneous Entry Books
1871-99 73 volumes
Entry books of out-letters which from 1871 to 1873 include those relating to the control and inspection of explosives. For earlier letters see HO43 (section 1); for later ones see HO133. HO136

Health and Safety Executive: Explosives Inspectorate: Annual Reports
1875-1979 67 volumes
Reports of the Inspectorate concerning the manufacture and storage of explosives. LAB59

Health and Safety Executive: Explosives Inspectorate: Miscellanea
Files not yet received in PRO. LAB61

6.5.2 RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

Radioactive Substances Advisory Committee
1945-63 3 files
Records of the Committee, established in 1948 to advise on the control and supply of radioactive substances; the control of the use of irradiating apparatus for therapeutic purposes; and on the making of safety regulations for occupations involving radioactive substances and irradiating apparatus. LAB66

7. FUEL AND POWER

There was no co-ordinated government organisation responsible for energy matters until the creation of the Ministry of Fuel and Power in 1942, but government interest in the energy industries extends back into the nineteenth century.

Government first became involved in matters relating to fuel and power through the enforcement of safety regulations in mines (mainly coal mines) in the mid-nineteenth century. Inspectors of mines were appointed by the Home Office, which also began to collect statistics and other information about the mining industry in general. The Board of Trade was concerned with the economic and industrial aspects of coal mines, in particular. The problems of the mining industry after the First World War led to the establishment of a Mines Department to promote the effective development and utilisation of coal and other mineral resources, and the re-organisation of the coal industry was promoted by the Coal Mines Re-Organisation Committee and the Coal Commission. When the coal mining industry was nationalised in 1947 the National Coal Board became responsible for running it.

Government responsibility for the Gas Industry was until 1948 largely confined to the testing of gas and the maintenance of standards, undertaken by the Board of Trade. These responsibilities and general policy for the industry were transferred to the Ministry of Fuel and Power in 1942. In 1948 the industry was nationalised but the records of the Gas Council, set up to run the industry, are not public records and are thus not included in this guide.

The Board of Trade exercised some regulation of the electricity industry in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, but the First World War gave a great stimulus to government interest in the development of electricity. Files relating to the development of the industry can be found in the records of the Ministry of Munitions (see Part A, section 2). The Electricity Commission was established in 1919 to promote the development of a national system for the generation and supply of electricity. In 1948 the industry was nationalised, but the records of the Central Electricity Authority (later replaced by the Central Electricity Generating Board) are not public records and are not included in this guide.

Petroleum and oil supplies became a major concern of government in the First World War, and a Petroleum Executive was established in the Ministry of Munitions (see Part A, section 2). Responsibility for both the supply and distribution of petroleum and prospecting for home sources of petroleum supply passed after the war firstly to the Board of Trade and then to the Mines Department. Petrol controls during the Second World War were administered by the Ministry of Fuel and Power and the Oil Control Board, a War Cabinet body.

Research into atomic energy, both for use in weapons and as a source of power, was sponsored by the government in the Second World War. Military research was largely carried out in the United States, but atomic energy research in general continued to be performed and sponsored by a number of government bodies both during and after the war. The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority was established in 1954 with responsibility for the control of research and the development of atomic energy.

Responsibility for all the energy industries, with the exception of atomic energy, was vested in the Ministry of Fuel and Power in 1942. It supervised production, supplies and prices and was responsible for co-ordinating development. It retained many supervisory and policy-making powers after the nationalisation of coal, gas and electricity after the war. Similar powers relating to atomic energy were added in 1957 to the renamed Ministry of Power.

Section 7 lists classes of records relating to fuel and power in general, including one class relating to the development of water power.

Section 7.1 lists classes of records relating to research into fuel and power matters generally, including fuel utilisation.

Section 7.2 lists classes of records relating to the coal industry, including records of the National Coal Board. Some classes deal in addition with metalliferous mining and quarrying. Sub-sections deal with mines and mining, including the inspection of mines (7.2.1); the registration and valuation of colliery company assets under coal mines amalgamation schemes and at nationalisation (7.2.2); and the coking industry (7.2.3).

Section 7.3 lists classes of records relating to the gas industry.

Section 7.4 lists classes of records relating to the electricity industry.

Section 7.5 lists classes of records relating to the petroleum and oil industries.

Section 7.6 lists classes of records relating to atomic energy in general and atomic energy research. A subsection deals with atomic energy production (7.6.1).

7. FUEL AND POWER

Board of Trade: Industrial Power and Transport Department: Water Power Resources Committee

1906-25 52 files

Papers of the Committee, appointed in 1918 to investigate the possible development of water power in the United Kingdom. POWE2

"A" Files

1902-70 491 files

Papers relating to various fuel and power subjects, plus mineral transport, metalliferous mining, and wartime controls. POWE26

Statistics and General Division: Correspondence and Papers

1935-65 245 files

Papers relating to statistics, planning and material priorities concerning the coal, gas, electricity and petroleum industries. POWE28

7.1 RESEARCH: GENERAL

Fuel Research Station: Reports and Papers

1919-59 179 booklets, files and volumes

Reports and papers of the Station, set up in 1919 to investigate the usage of indigenous supplies of fuel (especially coal), the preparation of manufactured fuels, and methods of consumption. The class includes photographs of apparatus. AY6

Fuel Research Station: Registered Files

1933-65 33 files

Files relating to the Station's work described under AY6. AY7

Fuel Research Board

1915-61 176 files

Files relating to research into fuel, including resources, preparation of manufactured fuels and methods of consumption. [One file is closed for 50 years.] DSIR8

7.1 RESEARCH: GENERAL

Illumination Committee
1923-41 38 files
Files relating to research into all aspects of artificial lighting. DSIR20

Chief Scientist's Division: Correspondence and Papers
1921-63 220 files
Papers arranged under four headings: administration and legislation; fuel efficiency; fuel utilisation; and the Safety in Mines Research Board and Establishment. POWE25

7.2 THE COAL INDUSTRY

District Schemes (Coal Mines Act 1930)
1930-49 390 volumes and files
Records of the central council and district boards of colliery owners which were established in 1930 to regulate the production and sale of coal throughout Great Britain. The records cover all aspects of the allocation of production, marketing, pricing, etc. COAL4

Divisional Board Minutes
1946-67 164 files
Minutes of the divisional boards established by the National Coal Board to administer the different coalfields in Great Britain. COAL6

Mining Association of Great Britain
1936-47 106 files
Records of the Association, mainly concerned with wages and conditions of work in the mining industry. COAL11

Coal Mines Reorganisation Commission
1926-39 204 files and volumes
Records of the Commission, established in 1930 to further the reorganisation of the coal industry by preparing schemes for the amalgamation of collieries and companies. The records include such amalgamation schemes and valuations of collieries. COAL12

7.2 THE COAL INDUSTRY

Coal Research Establishment: Powell Duffryn Reports and Papers
1892-1953 1124 files
Technical, progress and test reports and papers from the research laboratory of Powell Duffryn Ltd. The papers relate mainly to research and development work in the extraction and marketing of coal, coke and gas, but some relate to the company's other activities in brickmaking and engineering. COAL14

Coal Commission: Establishment Files
1930-49 71 files
Files relating to the policy and organisation of the Coal Commission, established in 1938 to register and take over interests in unworked coal and related minerals and to promote amalgamations of existing colliery companies. Also included are minutes of meetings and some files inherited from the Coal Mines Reorganisation Commission (see COAL12). Many files relate to valuation procedures. COAL15

Coal Commission: Administrative Files
1931-49 655 files
Files of the Commission, mostly from 1938-47 relating to general policy and administrative matters including border-line agreements; amalgamations; the problems caused by subsidence; the maintenance of disused shafts; and the granting of leases and licences. COAL17

Coal Commission: Representative Area Records
Records not yet received in PRO. COAL18

Coal Commission: Coal Holdings Registers
Records not yet received in PRO. COAL19

Coal Utilisation Council
1932-72 116 files and volumes
Records of the Council, established in 1932 to promote the use of solid fuel and solid fuel appliances for heating purposes. COAL20

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Board Minutes
1946-62 10 volumes
Minutes of meetings of the National Coal Board established to run the nationalised coal industry in 1946. COAL21

National Coal Board: Annual Reports
1946-72 33 volumes
Published annual reports and accounts. [Records open immediately.] COAL22

Secretary's Department
1946-70 60 files
Files of the central secretariat of the Board which also provided common services to other departments. Some files relate to patents. COAL30

Chairman's Office
1946-72 104 files
Papers of the chairman and vice-chairman of the National Coal Board, covering all aspects of the Board's work. COAL31

Ministry of Power: Coal Division: Early Correspondence and Papers
1896-1953 534 files and volumes
Early papers from a number of defunct series relating to coal production, marketing, manpower, subsidence and damage; a few files relating to metalliferous mining. POWE16

Coal Division: Emergency Services: Correspondence and Papers
1937-58 79 files
Files relating to price control, supply, demand and distribution of coal, coke, anthracite, etc., during the Second World War and up the end of rationing in 1958. POWE17

Coal Division: Production, Correspondence and Papers
1913-63 235 files
Files relating to various aspects of production, including mechanisation, subsidence and drainage schemes, and sterilisation. Other files deal with metalliferous mining. POWE22

7.2 THE COAL INDUSTRY

Coal Division: Post-Nationalisation Files
1943-66 306 files
Files relating to a wide variety of topics concerning coal after nationalisation in 1946, including production, investment and pit development. POWE37

7.2.1 MINES AND MINING

Coal Seam Survey: Maps and Papers
1957-67 18 maps and papers
Maps and diagrams of the geology, geography and seam sequence of coalfields and information relating to individual seams. COAL10

The Cobb Photographs
1907-14 116 pieces (1 album of contact prints; 115 photographs)
A collection of slides taken mostly at collieries around Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, and apparently used by the Rev. FW Cobb to illustrate the history of mining. COAL13

Specifications
1957-75 435 leaflets
Specifications for standard equipment and stores designed or purchased by the Board. Many of the specifications are for consumable stores rather than mining equipment. [Records open immediately.] COAL24

Production Department
1946-70 280 files
Files relating to all aspects of the development of coal reserves and their efficient working in deep mines. COAL29

Mining Research and Development Establishment: Annual Reports
Records not yet received in PRO. COAL41

7.2.1 MINES AND MINING

Director of Forestry for England: Correspondence and Papers: Dean Forest
1786-1957 1556 files
Records broadly concerned with the administration of the Forest of Dean by the Crown through the Forestry Commission and its predecessors. Most of the class concerns the mines and quarries in the Forest, where individual freeminers have had the right to mine coal, iron, gold and silver and to quarry stone, in return for an annual rent and a small royalty on produce. F3

Minerals
1938-69 459 files
General policy files relating to planning controls on mineral workings in mines and quarries. [One file is closed for 50 years.] HLG89

Mines Entry Books
1855-71 5 volumes
Entry books of out-letters to inspectors of coal mines, concerned with the construction and safety of mines. See also HO43 (section 1); HO87 (section 6.5); and HO136 (section 6.5.1). HO95

Home Office: Mines and Quarries: Out-Letters
1873-1920 72 volumes
Indexed entry books of out-letters relating to the inspection and regulation of mines and quarries. POWE4

Home Office: Mines and Quarries: Registered Files
1887-1920 87 files
Files relating to various aspects of the inspection and regulation of mines and quarries, including accidents, explosives, electricity, engines and machinery. POWE6

Annual Reports of Inspectors of Mines
1850-1968 94 volumes
[Records open immediately.] POWE7

7.2.1 MINING AND MINES

Safety and Health Division and Inspectorate of Mines and Quarries
1876-1968 365 files
Files relating to various aspects of the inspection of mines and quarries, including accidents; health; mine equipment and fittings; quarries and slagheaps; and rescue. POWE8

7.2.2 REGISTRATION AND VALUATION RECORDS

Coal Commission: Central and Regional Valuation Boards: Minutes
1938-44 23 bundles, etc.
Minutes of the boards which administered the compensation to coal owners whose companies were compulsorily amalgamated by the Coal Commission under the Coal Act 1938. COAL7

Coal Commission: Central and Regional Valuation Boards: Correspondence and Papers
1938-44 10 files
Papers of the boards described under COAL7. COAL8

Valuation Files
1947-67 971 files
Files relating to the valuation of assets transferred by colliery concerns to the National Coal Board. They contain estimates of value submitted by claimants; observations by interested parties; results of hearings and reviews; and final certificates of value. [All files open from 1980.] COAL34

Registration Files
1946-62 122 files
Selected files dealing with the registration of assets transferred from colliery concerns to the National Coal Board. [All files open from 1980.] COAL36

7.2.2 REGISTRATION AND VALUATION RECORDS

Estimates of Value
1946-55 393 files
A small selection of documents submitted by colliery concerns in connection with their claims for compensation for assets transferred to the National Coal Board. Many documents deal with the valuation of equipment. [All files open from 1980.] COAL37

Statements of Interest
c.1946-c.52 887 files
Schedules of assets owned, used or acquired on or after 1 January 1946, submitted to the National Coal Board and the Ministry of Fuel and Power by colliery concerns and others affected by the nationalisation of the coal industry. [All files open from 1980.] COAL38

Registers of Transferred Assets
1960-63 45 volumes
Registers of transferred assets drawn up to record the interests in real property which vested in the National Coal Board on 1 January 1947. Associated maps are in COAL40. [All volumes open from 1980.] COAL39

Maps
n.d. 2498 maps
Maps to accompany the registers in COAL39. [All maps open from 1980.] COAL40

7.2.3 COKING INDUSTRY

Coking Industry: Associations and Committees
1919-67 93 files, volumes, etc.
Records of various associations and committees concerned with the coking industry, pre- and post-nationalisation. COAL9

7.3 GAS

Board of Trade: Railway Department: Correspondence and Papers
1867-1900 59 boxes
Papers relating to the Department's responsibilities other than transport. These include papers relating to the supervision of the gas industry. BT22

Gas Cylinders and Containers Committee
1935-45 10 files
Records relating to research into containers for gas. DSIR19

Gas Industry Training Board
1965-74 121 volumes, folders, etc.
Records of the Board relating to the training of workers in the gas industry. The records have been preserved as an example of industrial training boards established under the Industrial Training Act 1964. LAB51

Ministry of Power: Gas Division: Registered Files
1877-1974 135 files
Files relating to various aspects of the administration of the gas industry, including maintenance, supply and development, the control of gas quality, testing, and gas meters. POWE29

Gas Division: Special Prescriptions
1921-48 51 volumes
Prescriptions for individual testing places for testing the illuminating power, purity and pressure of gas supplies. POWE30

Gas Division: Gas Referees' Minute Books
1872-1938 10 volumes
Minute books of the gas referees who were from 1868 to 1934 responsible for testing the purity, pressure and calorific value of gas supplies. POWE31

Gas Division: Notifications and Instructions to Gas Examiners
1869-1934 8 volumes
Notifications and instructions to

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(continued) examiners on the various methods for testing and recording the quality of gas supplies, including details of approved measuring instruments. POWE32

7.4 ELECTRICITY

Electricity Commission: Minutes
1920-48 32 volumes

Minutes of the Commission, established in 1920 with responsibility for all aspects of electricity supply.. POWE11

Electricity Commission: Correspondence and Papers
1919-53 888 files

Papers relating to all aspects of the Commission's functions in connection with the supply, transmission and distribution of electricity, including power stations and water resources and barrage schemes. POWE12

Ministry of Transport: Electricity: Correspondence and Papers
1892-1945 134 files

Papers from the Electricity Branch of the Ministry relating to the supply and distribution of electricity. A large proportion of the papers relate to the proposed barrage on the River Severn. POWE13

Electricity Division: Correspondence and Papers
1898-1974 707 files

Papers relating to the supply, distribution and transmission of electricity, mainly dating from after the formation of the Ministry of Fuel and Power in 1942 but including some earlier papers which were re-registered. POWE14

Committee of Inquiry into the Electricity Supply Industry (Herbert Committee)
1954-56 16 volumes, etc.

Records of the Committee, appointed in 1954 to inquire into the industry. POWE24

7.5 OIL

Committee of Imperial Defence: Oil Board
1925-39 19 volumes
Records of the Committee, dealing with oil supplies and requirements. CAB50

War Cabinet: Committees on Oil Policy
1939-46 30 volumes
Records of various committees, responsible for oil supplies, including technical sub-committees. CAB77

Ministry of Power: Petroleum Division Correspondence and Papers
1916-67 1780 files
Papers relating to government intervention and legislation affecting the supply, storage and distribution of oil, petroleum and associated products, including various research projects and production of petroleum in the United Kingdom. Many files relate to wartime controls. POWE33

Petroleum Warfare Division Files
1942-46 56 folders and files
Files relating to schemes developed to utilise petroleum for wartime purposes, including the PLUTO pipeline across the English Channel. POWE45

Sea Gem Offshore Drilling Platform: Inquiries into Loss
1964-67 5 volumes and folders
Papers relating to two enquiries, by BP Trading Ltd. and the Ministry of Power, into the sinking of the drilling platform, Sea Gem, in 1965. POWE46

7.6 ATOMIC ENERGY AND ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH

UKAEA: Correspondence and Papers, 1939-51
1939-51 354 files
Miscellaneous correspondence files and committee papers of the wartime atomic energy project. The papers are from a variety of sources, including:

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(continued)

1. The Ministry of Aircraft Production which sponsored the MAUD Committee and was in charge of the project;
2. The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, which took over the responsibility and created the Directorate of Tube Alloys for the purpose;
3. Scientists in various universities - Oxford (Clarendon Laboratory), Cambridge (Cavendish Laboratory), Imperial College, London, Birmingham, Liverpool and Bristol;
4. Scientists in ICI Ltd.;
5. The British Commonwealth Scientific Office in Washington, which was the focal point for British participation in the Manhattan project;
6. The joint atomic energy project set up in Canada under JD Cockcroft;
7. Post-war Ministry of Supply files; and
8. Miscellaneous unregistered folders. AB1

UKAEA: Anglo-Canadian Joint Project, 1943-46: Reports

1941-46 923 files

Reports, papers and lectures written by members of the project at Montreal and Chalk River. [Four files are closed for 50 years.] AB2

Clarendon Project, 1940-47

1940-47 43 files

Correspondence and papers accumulated by the Clarendon Laboratory team, under Professor F Simon, which worked on the gaseous diffusion method of separating uranium isotopes. The papers were handed over to the UKAEA when the government contract under which the work was undertaken lapsed. AB3

British Reports, 1939-45

1939-45 1031 files

A collection of technical reports describing various aspects of research and development work on atomic energy carried out in Britain during the Second World War. The reports fall generally into two groups:

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(continued)

1. Descriptions of experimental and theoretical work undertaken by laboratories including the Cavendish Laboratory, Birmingham University and the National Physical Laboratory;
2. Development work undertaken in industry aimed at the achievement of an industrial process for the production of high purity uranium.

[Some files are closed for 50 years.] AB4

UKAEA: Anglo-Canadian Joint Project, 1943-46: Engineering Drawings
1943-46 884 drawings
Drawings relating to the buildings and equipment at the Chalk River Laboratory. The collection is not complete. AB5

Atomic Energy Research Establishment: Correspondence and Papers
1945-68 1791 files and reports
Correspondence files and reports from the AERE established at Harwell in January 1946. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] AB6

Atomic Energy Research Establishment: Committee Papers
1945-64 251 files
Papers of various committees, panels and working parties at AERE. During the first year of operation, most documents were issued as committee papers. [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] AB12

Atomic Energy Research Establishment: Photographs
1946-54 2910 negatives and glass plates
Photographs of plant and equipment at Harwell. AB13

Atomic Energy Research Establishment: Engineering Drawings
1946 589 drawings
[Retained at Harwell.] AB14

Atomic Energy Research Establishment: Reports and Memoranda
1947-60 4943 files
Reports and memoranda produced by the

(continued) ten divisions of AERE (Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Directorate, Engineering, Electronics, General Physics, Health, Medical, Nuclear Physics, and Theoretical Physics) together with extramural reports submitted by various contractors. There are also some reports from the National Physical Laboratory, the Chemical Research Laboratory and the Radiochemical Centre, Amersham. [Most of the reports are open immediately, but some are closed for 50 years.] AB15

London Office: Ministry of Supply Files
1942-73 1826 files
Files of the Ministry of Supply, which was responsible for atomic energy research between 1946 and 1954. The London office was responsible for atomic energy policy and co-ordination and dealt with headquarters administration of the project. The files cover most aspects of atomic energy policy and administration, including research, procurement of materials and co-operation with other countries. [Some files are retained by the department.] AB16

UKAEA: Miscellaneous Publications
1952-77 540 leaflets and booklets
Various publications of the UKAEA, arranged mainly under the names of the originating establishments. They cover all aspects of atomic energy research. [The publications are open immediately.] AB17

London Office: Photographic Albums
Documents not yet received in PRO. AB18

Atomic Energy Research Establishment: Photographic Albums
Documents not yet received in PRO. AB21

UKAEA: Annual Reports
1954-81 46 booklets
The printed annual reports and the illustrated summaries in the "Atom" series. There is also a published chronology of events for the years 1939 to 1978. [The reports are open immediately.] AB22

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Atomic Energy Research Establishment: Miscellaneous Unpublished Documents
Files not yet received in PRO. AB23

UKAEA: Laboratory Notebooks
Files not yet received in PRO. AB24

UKAEA: Capenhurst Project Records
Files not yet received in PRO. AB26

Atomic Energy Research Establishment: Private Office Papers
1939-61 62 files
A collection of personal papers deposited by senior members of Harwell staff. They include Sir John Cockroft's papers covering his wartime activities and his periods as director of AERE and member for research of the UKAEA. AB27

Cabinet Office: Atomic Energy: Files
Records not yet received in PRO. CAB126

7.6.1 ATOMIC ENERGY PRODUCTION

UKAEA: Northern Groups: Reports
1946-55 3771 files and booklets
Reports from the Atomic Energy Production Division established as part of the Atomic Energy Division of the Ministry of Supply in 1946. Its task was to produce fissile material. A plant to produce uranium metal fuel rods was established at Springfields; atomic piles were built at Windscale, along with a chemical separation plant to make plutonium into a metal; and a gaseous diffusion plant was set up at Capenhurst to separate pure uranium 235. The division later also became responsible for the reactor at Calder Hall and the fast reactor at Dounreay. The headquarters of the division was established at Risley. The reports cover the work of all these plants and also the reports of the Chemical Inspectorate of the Ministry of Supply, which was responsible for analytical work in the factories. [Most of the reports are open immediately, but a few are retained by the department and others are closed for 50 years.] AB7

7.6.1 ATOMIC ENERGY PRODUCTION

UKAEA: Northern Groups:
Correspondence and Papers
1946-70 575 files
Files concerned with the setting up of the Atomic Energy Production Division (see AB7). They are more concerned with administrative and staffing matters than are the reports in AB7. [Some files are retained by the department; others are closed for 50 years.] AB8

UKAEA: Northern Groups:
Committee Papers
1946-64 177 volumes and files
Papers of various committees, panels and working groups of the Atomic Energy Production Division (see AB7). [Some files are retained by the department; others are closed for 50 years.] AB9

UKAEA: Northern Groups:
Engineering Drawings
Documents not yet received in PRO. [Retained at Risley.] AB10

UKAEA: Northern Groups:
Photographs
1946-65 17 albums
Albums of photographs of plant and equipment at Harwell, Springfields, Windscale, Capenhurst and Calder Hall. [Some albums are closed for 50 years.] AB11

UKAEA: Northern Groups:
Hinton Papers
1946-58 96 files
Files from the office of Sir Christopher Hinton relating to atomic energy production during his time as deputy controller, Atomic Energy (Production), Ministry of Supply and managing director, Industrial Group, UKAEA. The files cover the establishment and building of the fuel and enrichment plants at Springfields and Capenhurst, the original reactors and fuel reprocessing plant at Windscale, the nuclear power stations at Calder Hall and Chapelcross and the experimental reactor at Dounreay. AB19

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UKAEA: Northern Groups:
Factory Log Books
1946-57 27 volumes
Representative shop managers' and foremen's log books and foremen's information books illustrating day-to-day operations in the works at Springfield and Windscale.

AB20

8. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES

Before the nineteenth century the government had little knowledge of the society it governed and made no attempt to survey it systematically. Decennial censuses of population, which began in 1801, gave accurate information for the first time about the size and the distribution of population, and customs, excise and inland revenue statistics gave some indication about the state of the economy. Government also began to collect some statistics relating to labour and employment (see section 6.4), but it was not until the twentieth century that it began to seek more detailed information about British society.

The collection of such information was stimulated by the needs of the developing national insurance and social security system, by the necessity for manpower planning shown in the First World War, and by the problems associated with the economic depression of the inter-war years. Little attempt was made, however, to co-ordinate general economic and social policy-making. The Second World War intensified the need for statistical information of all kinds for the planning and monitoring of the war effort, and in 1941 the Central Statistical Office was established as part of the War Cabinet Office to collect regular series of statistics from government departments. A Wartime Social Survey undertook research surveys into public attitudes and morale and collected social and economic information by direct questioning of the public.

Government use of social and economic surveys and the collection of statistical information developed further after the war to provide a basis for the planning of social and economic policy. At the same time the Treasury began to develop the central economic planning functions initially undertaken by various Cabinet committees during the Second World War.

Information on social and economic matters can be found in a very large number of classes of records in the Public Record Office; the development of mass society has brought increasing government intervention in social and economic affairs and individual people, groups, institutions and firms have had more and more direct contacts with government departments. Huge numbers of case papers - or, as they are often termed, particular instance papers - have thus been created, and selections of them are preserved in the Public Record Office. Such case papers have not, however, been included in this guide. This section contains, with the exception of the census returns, only those classes which contain general or statistical information, and papers relating to social and economic research undertaken or sponsored by the government.

Section 8.1 lists classes of records relating to social and economic research and the collection of statistics in general. Sub-sec[illegible] deal with population statistics, including the census returns for the years 1841 to 1881 (returns of later censuses are not yet open to the public, but the published reports are, of course, widely available) (8.1.1); with surveys of income and wealth, including surveys conducted to compare the pay of civil servants with those in outside industry (8.1.2); with social security statistics (8.1.3); and with revenue statistics (8.1.4).

Section 8.2 lists classes of records relating to economic planning and finance, mainly from the Second World War and after. A sub-section deals with the introduction of decimal currency (8.2.2).

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Consumer Council: Field Survey Reports
1964-69 11 files
Reports of surveys by the Consumer Council of consumer attitudes and complaints. AJ8

Central Statistical Office: Minutes and Memoranda
1940-61 166 volumes and files
Statistical digests and analyses relating to the war effort in the United Kingdom and other allied countries; and minutes and papers of various committees and boards concerned with the post-war collection and publication of statistics. CAB108

Central Statistical Office: Correspondence and Papers
1939-62 455 files
Correspondence and papers relating to social, economic, industrial, and international statistics, including files statistical organisation and administration and statistical publications. There are files on the technical and policy aspects of major statistical series including capital expenditure, national income, and applied statistics covering a wide field. CAB139

Central Statistical Office: Selected Working Papers
1934-68 145 files
Working papers including statistical series relating to trade, the balance of payments, raw material and food supplies, population, industry, labour, housing, agriculture and energy. CAB141

Committee (Heyworth) on Social Studies
1963-65 45 files
Papers of the Committee established under the chairmanship of Lord Heyworth in 1963 to review research work in social studies being undertaken

(continued) by government departments, universities and other institutions and to advise whether changes were needed in arrangements for supporting and co-ordinating the research. ED144

Unemployment: Special Areas
1920-39 65 files
Files relating to unemployment relief in the depressed or "special" areas - Tyneside, Durham, the Cumberland coalfield, and South Wales - in the 1930s. The files include social and economic investigations of these areas. HLG30

Nuffield College Social Reconstruction Survey
1941-51 49 files
Records of the survey begun in 1941 into the redistribution of industry and population brought about by the war; the effect of the war on the working of public social services; the effects of evacuation, migration, and the bearing of all these factors on the general problem of social, economic and political reorganisation. HLG82

Home Office: Statistics Entry Books
1856-1921 14 volumes
Entry books of out-letters to courts, police, coroners and others about the provision of statistics relating to civil proceedings, crime, inquests, etc. HO155

Ministry of Information: Files of Correspondence
1936-50 990 files
These include some files relating to the Ministry's social survey work during the Second World War. INF1

Social Survey Reports and Papers
1941-64 310 booklets
Reports and papers relating to various surveys of the Second World War and after. The wartime surveys were concerned with problems such as public morale, rationing and shortages of consumer goods; post-war surveys covered subjects such as health,

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(continued) attitudes to employment and leisure, transport, and knowledge of and opinions about the economic situation. In addition there is a long series of enquiries into consumer expenditure. [With a few exceptions, these records are open immediately.] RG23

Inter-Departmental Committee on Social and Economic Research
1946-67 38 volumes
Records of the committee, established in 1946 to survey and advise on research work in government departments, and in particular to bring to the notice of departments the value to research workers of the material they collect and to advise how such material could be made available. RG25

General Household Survey: Original Returns
1971-73 3374 files
Original returns of the survey for the fourth quarter of 1971, including the area codes used and information about the conduct of the survey. [Records closed for 75 years.] RG38

General Household Survey: Machine Readable Records
Records not yet received in PRO. RG39

Social Survey: Registered Files
1941-72 150 files
Files relating to surveys carried over a wide range of subjects, covering various aspects of their methodology and administration. RG40

8.1.1 POPULATION STATISTICS

Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England
1938-55 366 volumes, files and maps
Records of the English Boundary Commission, including reports, maps and general papers and files on statistics. AF1

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Parliamentary Boundary Commission for Wales
1946-54 47 files, etc.
Records of the Welsh Boundary Commission, similar to those in AF1. AF2

Committee of Imperial Defence: Manpower Committee
1923-39 30 volumes
Records of the Committee, set up in 1923, to plan such matters as national registration, recruitment, dilution of labour, etc. Many papers deal with associated medical questions. CAB57

Royal Commission on the Distribution of the Industrial Population, 1937-1940
1937-40 128 files
Papers of the Commission established in 1937 to investigate the causes of the existing distribution of the industrial population, future trends, and the social, economic and strategic disadvantages of concentration and to propose remedies. Oral and written evidence to the Commission was published by the Stationery Office between 1937 and 1939. HLG27

Census Returns
1841-51 2531 boxes
Enumerators' schedules of returns made by heads of households, giving name, age, sex and occupation of individual members of the population in England, Wales, the Channel Islands and Isle of Man. HO107

1861 Census Returns
1861 4543 books, etc.
Enumerators' schedules of returns made by heads of households, which include the name, age, sex, occupation and parish and county of birth of individual members of the population in England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. Included in this class are returns from ships of the Royal Navy and merchant shipping at sea and in ports abroad, and from British ships in home ports. RG9

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1871 Census Returns

1871 5785 books, etc.

Enumerators' schedules of returns made by heads of households, which includes name, age, sex, occupation and parish and county of birth of individual members of the population of England, Wales, and the Channel Islands. Included in this class are returns from ships of the Royal Navy at sea and in ports abroad. RG10

1881 Census Returns

1881 5643 books, etc.

Enumerators' schedules of returns as in RG10. Returns of the 1891 census will become available in 1992, of the 1901 census in 2002 and so on. RG11

Royal Commission on Population, 1944-1949

1943-50 29 volumes and files

Records of the Commission appointed in 1944 to examine post-war population trends in Great Britain; to investigate the causes and probable consequences of these trends; and to consider any measures which might be taken to influence them. Three specialist sub-committees dealt with statistics, economics, and biological and medical issues. RG24

Population Statistics: Correspondence and Papers

1910-54 94 files and 1 volume

Correspondence of the Statistical Branch of the General Register Office relating to population and medical statistics in general and to mortality in particular. RG26

Census Returns: Specimens of Forms and Documents

1841-1951 13 volumes

Papers dealing with the planning and conduct of the 1841 census, and sets of forms and instructions used in the censuses from 1861 to 1931. Those for the 1921 and 1931 censuses include forms and instructions used in machine and tabulation processes. Each piece is indexed. RG27

8.1.1 POPULATION STATISTICS

Census Reports and Population Abstracts
1836-1961 17 volumes
Papers of printed general reports of the censuses from 1861 to 1961, of the enumeration abstract from the 1841 census and of one per cent sample tables from the 1951 census. All the volumes are indexed. Also included is a manuscript volume of notes and calculations estimating pre-census population prepared by John Rickman, the results of which were published in the report of the 1841 census. RG30

8.1.2 INCOMES AND WEALTH

Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth
1974-79 683 files
Papers of the Commission, established in 1974, to enquire into matters concerning the distribution of incomes and wealth referred to it by the government. The Commission undertook analyses of both current distribution and of past trends. [Evidence submitted to the Commission (with one exception), its background papers and reports are open immediately.] BS7

Civil Service Pay Research Unit: Reports
1957-80 317 volumes
Survey reports of the Civil Service Pay Research Unit on the pay of major civil service grades and comparisons with outside industry. CSPR1

Registered Files
1956-81 220 files
Registered files relating to the work of the Civil Service Pay Research Unit. CSPR2

Civil Service Pay Research Unit Board
1977-81 32 files
Files relating to the work of the Board in overseeing the work of the Civil Service Pay Research Unit. They include a special series relating to the pay of scientists. CSPR3

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Annual Reports
1957-81 15 files
Annual reports of the Unit. CSPR4

Standing Commission on Pay Comparability
1979-80 52 files
Files relating to work done by the Civil Service Pay Research Unit for the Standing Commission on Pay Comparability, established in 1979 to perform functions similar to those of the Unit in relation to local authority, National Health Service and university manual grades. [Records closed for 50 years.] CSPR5

Returns of the Household Expenditure Enquiry (1953-1954)
1953-54 1236 boxes
Returns of the Enquiry into the income and expenditure of 20,000 households carried out to provide a satisfactory weighting basis for the index of prices. The results were published in the Ministry of Labour Gazette in 1957. [Records closed for 75 years.] LAB24

National Incomes Commission: Evidence
1963-65 7 boxes
Evidence presented to the National Incomes Commission, established in 1962 to investigate and advise on matters relating to incomes referred to it by the parties concerned or by the government. [Records open immediately.] NICO1

Correspondence and Papers
1962-65 80 files
Papers relating to the Commission's provision of impartial and authoritative advice on the cases referred to it. NICO2

8.1.3 SOCIAL SECURITY

Government Actuary's Department: Correspondence and Papers
1870-1971 802 files
Correspondence, calculations and reports of actuaries on various subjects including national insurance, military, war and civil service pensions, local authority superannuation, war risks compensation and the national debt. There is a considerable quantity of demographic material. ACT1

8.1.3 SOCIAL SECURITY

Assistance Boards: Monthly Bulletins
1954-67 13 folders
Monthly Bulletins issued by the National Assistance Board and the Ministry of Social Security giving the monthly national summary of the numbers and categories of national assistance recipients. AST6

Board Papers
1934-67 88 files
Minutes of meetings, circulated memoranda and unpublished reports of the Boards, revealing their policies and procedures for implementing the various regulations made under the Unemployment Assistance Act 1934 and subsequent legislation. Annual Reports were published and have not been included in this class. AST12

Supplementary Benefits Commission: Commission Papers
1966-80 133 files
The Commission was established in 1966 after the National Assistance Board was abolished and the Ministry of Social Security became responsible for the new scheme of supplementary benefits which replaced national assistance. The Commission was responsible for general guidance and for discretionary special provision in particular cases. It was abolished in 1980. This class consists of minutes of meetings together with the memoranda considered. AST23

Supplementary Benefits (Machine Readable)
1974 1 magnetic tape
Statistical files on magnetic tape produced for the Statistics and Research Division, containing information used for accounting and financial forecasting, for social and medical research, and as a basis for the annual Social Security Statistics. BN2

Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Registered Files: STA Series: Statistics
1945-74 56 files
Files of and relating to statistics concerned with National Insurance collected for a variety of internal purposes and for other bodies. PIN47

8.1.4 REVENUE STATISTICS

Board of Customs: Statistics Revenue
1679-1860 61 volumes
Volumes tabulating customs receipts; the receiver-general's accounts; various accounts of seizures; statistics showing the effects of import duties; and budget estimates. CUST37

Annual Reports
1856-1960 49 volumes
The reports include a good deal of material relating to customs and excise duties. CUST44

Local Government Financial Statistics
1862-1974 4659 files, microfilms and bundles
Statistics of receipts and expenditure of local authorities, rateable values, and poor law costs. HLG32

Commissioners of Inland Revenue: Annual Reports
1856-1979 135 volumes
Annual reports of the Commissioners, reports on the work of the Board's laboratory until 1969, and statistical information. See also IR64. [Records open immediately.] IR15

Tax Abstracts and Statistics
1845-1912 136 volumes
Abstracts and statements of tax on land, property, income, etc., for the United Kingdom, compiled from returns made by surveyors of taxes. See also IR64. IR16

Statistics and Intelligence Division: Correspondence and Papers
1858-1965 290 files
Papers relating to Budget estimates, estimates of the effects of changes in taxation, statistical investigations relating to personal and company taxation, and national income estimates and forecasts. See also IR15 and 16. IR64

8.1.4 REVENUE STATISTICS

Financial Enquiries Branch (Hawtrey) Papers
1859-1946 203 files
Files of general information and statistics relating to finance, currency and taxation at home and abroad, including many papers by JM Keynes. T208

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Committee to Review the Functioning of Financial Institutions
1976-80 225 files
Papers of the Committee established in 1976 to enquire into the role and functioning of financial institutions in the United Kingdom, with particular reference to the provision of funds for industry. [Evidence submitted to the Committee is open immediately.] BS9

Economic Affairs Office
1947-52 81 files
Files of the Office established in 1947 to co-ordinate economic planning, including a number of papers dealing with attempts to improve the productivity of various industries and with technical assistance from the United States of America. BT195

War Cabinet: Committees on Economic Policy
1939-45 27 pieces
Records of the Economic Policy Committee set up in 1939 to supervise the economic war effort; this committee lapsed in 1940. In addition there are the records of various committees set up to deal with specific aspects of economic policy such as surpluses, commodity policy, port clearance and so on. CAB72

War Cabinet: Survey of Economic and Financial Plans Committee
1939-40 50 volumes and files
Records of the Committee, which examined the various measures to

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(continued) maintain the economic life of the country in time of war and provide information to ministerial committees on economic and related subjects. CAB89

Department of Economic Affairs Records
Records not yet received in PRO. LAB47

Treasury: Finance Files
1887-1948 1418 boxes and files
Files created after 1920 of the finance divisions of the Treasury, covering subjects such as taxation, banking, currency, debts and loans. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] T160

Committee on Finance and Industry (Macmillan Committee)
1929-31 8 files, etc.
Records of the Committee, established in 1929 to inquire into the banking and finance system and how it could best promote the development of trade and industry. T200

Central Economic Planning Section: Files
1939-53 416 files
Files relating to the central planning and co-ordination of economic affairs. T229

Economic Advisory Section: Files
1939-[illegible]3 246 files
Files of the advisory section of professional economists relating to the general pattern of supply and demand and to changes in the disposition of resources of manpower, materials and capital. T230

Home Finance Division: Files
1926-53 804 files
Files relating to capital issues, loans, currency, financing of nationalised industries, import duties, taxation, etc. The files date from 1948 onwards but some files contain earlier papers. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] T233

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Overseas Finance Division: Files
1920-53 3253 files
Files relating to international finance, foreign exchange, balance of payments, etc. The files date from 1948 onwards, but some files contain earlier papers. T236

Overseas Finance (Marshall Aid) Division: Files
1948-53
Files relating to the European Recovery Programme after the Second World War. T237

Keynes Papers
1938-49 130 files
Papers stemming from Keynes's second period in the Treasury and as a member of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Consultative Committee from 1940 until 1946. They cover the whole range of economic policy, with particular emphasis on overseas finance. See also T160 and 236. T247

8.2.1 DECIMAL CURRENCY

Decimal Coinage Commission
1850-60 5 boxes
Records of the Commission, established in 1855 to consider how far it might be practicable and advisable to introduce the principle of decimal division into the coinage of the United Kingdom. T104

Decimal Currency Board: Correspondence and Papers
1966-71 444 files
Records of the Board established in 1967 to facilitate the transition from existing currency to the new currency provided by the Decimal Currency Act 1967. T193

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1. DEFENCE: STRATEGY AND PLANNING

The general oversight of defence planning and strategy is the responsibility of the Cabinet, which in 1895 formed a Defence Committee. The Cabinet lacked a secretariat until 1916, and surviving records of its deliberations are thus sparse. Some information is to be found in the State Papers Domestic, and papers dealing with military and naval matters up to 1782 are in the classes SP41 and SP42. There are, however, very few papers for the nineteenth century. Small collections of Cabinet papers from before 1916 are in the classes CAB1, CAB24, CAB37, and CAB41.

In 1902 a Committee of Imperial Defence was formed, to include not only ministers but the professional heads of the army and navy as well as other experts as required. The CID had a secretariat but was an advisory body, with no executive functions. With the assistance of its sub-committees it formulated general principles of defence policy; investigated specialised defence problems; and prepared detailed plans for the co-ordination of defence. The CID was virtually suspended during the First World War but was revived after the war and met regularly until September 1939. The War Cabinet absorbed the CID during the Second World War, and the Committee was not revived in 1945.

The War Cabinets were formed in both the First and Second World Wars to organise the effective prosecution of the war effort. The main series of War Cabinet minutes and memoranda (CAB23-24 and CAB65-66), which deal with civil as well as defence matters, are listed not in this section but in the Civil Government Section above. But, especially in the Second World War, military and strategic matters tended to be delegated to specialist sub-committees, most notably the Chiefs of Staff Committee, whose records, along with those of other specialist defence committees, are listed here. Churchill as Prime Minister also acted as Defence Minister, and papers relating to defence matters are also included in the papers of the Prime Minister's Office.

The Ministry of Defence was formally constituted in 1947 to formulate and administer defence policy in general; its records include those of Combined Operations Headquarters during the Second World War.

Records of the Cabinet and its committees, the Committee of Imperial Defence (in the CAB group), the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Defence and the Secretaries of State which deal with defence matters in general are listed below. They contain material relating to planning, strategy, operations, arms and equipment in general. Classes of records dealing with particular services are listed in separate sections.

For further information relating to the Cabinet Office and the Committee of Imperial Defence and their records see The Cabinet

Office to 1945 (PRO Handbook no.17), which amplifies the earlier List of Cabinet Papers 1915 and 1916 (PRO Handbook no.9); The Records of the Cabinet Office to 1922 (PRO Handbook no.11); and The Second World War: A Guide to Documents in the Public Record Office (PRO Handbook no.19).

The classes of records listed here include information on a wide range of scientific and technical matters relating to defence and defence materiel. Many of the classes include internal indexes. Classes dealing specifically with arms and supply matters in general and with the army, navy and air force in particular are included in sections 2-5 below.

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Cabinet Office: Miscellaneous Records
1866-1949 44 volumes etc.
Miscellaneous papers circulated to ministers, mainly dating from before 1923. These include a number of papers dealing with munitions and munitions supply in the First World War. CAB1

Committee of Imperial Defence: Minutes
1902-39 9 volumes
Minutes of meetings of the Committee, covering all aspects of defence policy. The volumes are indexed but the list supplies only dates and numbers of meetings. CAB2

Committee of Imperial Defence: Home Defence Memoranda
1901-39 8 volumes
Papers relating to the defences of the United Kingdom. Each volume is indexed but the list supplies only dates and memoranda numbers. CAB3

Committee of Imperial Defence: Miscellaneous Memoranda
1903-39 30 volumes etc.
Papers on subjects other than home defence, the colonies and India. Each volume is indexed, but the list supplies only dates and memoranda numbers. CAB4

Committee of Imperial Defence: Colonial Defence Memoranda
1902-39 9 volumes
Papers concerning the defences of the colonies. Each volume contains a list of contents, but the list supplies only dates and memoranda numbers. CAB5

Committee of Imperial Defence: Defence of India Memoranda
1901-39 6 volumes
Papers relating to the defence of India. Each volume contains a list of contents, but the list supplies only dates and memoranda numbers. CAB6

Committee of Imperial Defence: Colonial/Oversea Defence Committee: Minutes etc.
1877-1939 18 pieces
Minutes and reports of the Colonial and Oversea Defence Committees and related bodies relating to the defences of the colonies and seaborne trade. [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB7

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Committee of Imperial Defence: Colonial/ Oversea Defence Committee: Memoranda
1885-1939 56 volumes
Papers relating to colonial defences. Each volume contains a list of contents but the list supplies only dates and memoranda numbers. [Records closed for 50 years.] CAB8

Committee of Imperial Defence: Colonial/ Oversea Defence Committee: Remarks
1887-1939 21 volumes
Remarks on memoranda and defence schemes. The volumes contain a list of contents, but the list supplies only dates and remark numbers. [Records closed for 50 years.] CAB9

Committee of Imperial Defence: Colonial/ Oversea Defence Committee: Defence Schemes etc.
1863-1939 216 pieces
Papers relating to defence schemes in the colonies. [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB11

Committee of Imperial Defence: Home [Ports] Defence Committee: Minutes
1909-39 6 volumes
Minutes of the Committee, covering all aspects of home defence. CAB12

Committee of Imperial Defence: Home [Ports] Defence Committee: Memoranda and Sub-Committee Papers
1909-39 29 volumes etc.
Papers relating to all aspects of home defence, notably against air attack. CAB13

Committee of Imperial Defence: Committee on Coordination of Departmental Action
1911-39 39 volumes etc.
Minutes and papers relating to preparations to be made by government departments against the outbreak of war. CAB15

Committee of Imperial Defence: Ad-Hoc Sub-Committees
1905-39 231 volumes
Records of a number of ad hoc sub-committees established to make detailed studies of particular defence problems. CAB16

Committee of Imperial Defence: Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers
1902-18 199 files
Miscellaneous papers collected by the secretariat of the Committee relating to home and overseas defence. CAB17

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Committee of Imperial Defence: Miscellaneous Volumes
1875-1919 99 volumes
Bound volumes of miscellaneous printed reports and papers relating to home and overseas defence CAB18

War Cabinet: Dardanelles and Mesopotamia Special Commissions
1916-19 33 folders
Records of the Commissions established in 1916 to enquire into the conduct of the operations in the Dardanelles and in Mesopotamia. CAB19

Historical Section: German Army Documents: Schlieffen Papers
1902-12 4 files and maps
Photocopies of papers (the originals of which have been returned to Germany) of Graf von Schlieffen, chief of the German General Staff, relating to the Schlieffen Plan. CAB20

War Council, Dardanelles Committee and War Committee
1914-16 82 folders etc.
Minutes of the War Council, Dardanelles Committee and War Committee and memoranda of the latter. CAB22

Supreme War Council
1917-19 127 folders
Files and papers of the British Secretariat to the Council, which was established in 1917 to co-ordinate British, French and Italian military action on the western front. CAB25

Allied War Conferences
1915-20 9 volumes
Minutes and papers of Anglo-French and inter-allied conferences relating to the conduct of the war and the Peace Conference. CAB28

Committee of Imperial Defence: Standing Defence Sub-Committee
1921-22 1 volume
Memoranda of the Sub-Committee, which met between 1920 and 1923 prior to the resuscitation of the CID. Minutes of the meetings have been incorporated in CAB2. CAB34

Committee of Imperial Defence: Joint Oversea and Home Defence Committee
1920-39 23 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committee, which co-ordinated home and overseas defence activity. CAB36

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Photographic Copies of Minutes and Memoranda of the Committee of Imperial Defence
1888-1914 28 volumes
Copies of the numbered series of minutes and memoranda of the Committee (the originals of which are in CAB2-5, together with some unnumbered papers, all placed in a chronological sequence. A list is published as the *List of Papers of the Committee of of Imperial Defence to 1914* (PRO handbook no.6). CAB38

Photographic Copies of Papers of the War Council, Dardanelles Committee and War Committee
1914-16 26 volumes
Copies of minutes and papers from CAB22, CAB24 and various private collections, arranged in chronological order. A descriptive list is published as *List of Cabinet Papers, 1915 and 1916* (PRO handbook no.9). CAB42

Historical Section: Official War Histories: Narratives (Military)
1914-65 428 pieces
Draft chapters of unpublished volumes of the Official History of the First World War and of subsequent military operations to 1929; and narratives of military operations in the Second World War. [One item is closed for 50 years. The rest of the class was opened in 1983.] CAB44

Historical Section: Official War Histories: Correspondence and Papers
1904-57 291 pieces
Papers relating to the compilation of the Official History of the First World War and one file relating to the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05. The papers complement and supplement those in CAB44. CAB45

Committee of Imperial Defence: Chiefs of Staff Committee
1923-39 55 volumes
Records of the Committee, set up in 1924, which co-ordinated defence preparations, plans and expenditure, provided information to CID on the changing naval, military and air situation, and was responsible for advising on defence policy as a whole. The list gives merely dates and paper and meeting numbers but the volumes are indexed. For later COS papers see CAB79-81. [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB53

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Committee of Imperial Defence: Deputy Chiefs of Staff Committee
1932-39 13 volumes
Records of the Committee, set up in 1932, which considered matters referred to it by the Chiefs of Staff Committee. For later papers see CAB82. [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB54

Committee of Imperial Defence: Joint Planning Committee
1923-39 19 volumes
Records of the Committee, set up in 1927 under the Chiefs of Staff Committee, to develop plans for defence and for military intervention. For later papers see CAB84 and CAB119. CAB55

Committee of Imperial Defence: Joint Intelligence Committee
1936-39 6 volumes
Records of the Committee, set up in 1936, together with papers of the Sub-Committees on Air Warfare in Spain, 1937-38, and on Air Warfare, 1938-39. [Records retained in the Cabinet Office.] CAB56

Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence: Registered Files
1924-39 36 folders
Files of the Minister appointed in 1936 to assist the Prime Minister in defence matters. Many of the files consisted of copies of Cabinet, Committee of Imperial Defence and other committee papers; these have not been preserved. The remaining papers deal with matters such as air defence, the Fleet Air Arm, food and oil supplies and manpower. CAB64

War Cabinet: Defence Committee (Operations)
1940-45 8 pieces
Records of the Committee which formulated strategic policy. CAB69

War Cabinet: Chiefs of Staff Committee: Minutes of Meetings
1939-46 92 pieces
Minutes of the Committee which advised the War Cabinet on military policy and issued instructions to the commanders in the field. There is a separate series of operational and top secret minutes (O). The final two pieces are subject indexes to CAB79 and CAB80. [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB79

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War Cabinet: Chiefs of Staff Committee: Memoranda
1939-46 107 volumes
Papers circulated to the Committee, including a separate operational and top secret series (O). [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB80

War Cabinet: Chiefs of Staff Committees and Sub-Committees
1939-47 75 volumes and files
Minutes and memoranda of various committees and sub-committees which reported to the Chiefs of Staff Committee. Subjects covered include chemical and bacteriological warfare, radio direction finding, night air defence and guided missiles. CAB81

War Cabinet: Deputy Chiefs of Staff Committee and Sub-Committees
1939-47 31 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committee and its sub-committees; subjects covered include air defence and atomic weapons. CAB82

War Cabinet: Ministerial Committee on Military Co-ordination
1939-40 5 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committee which dealt with strategy and the progress of operations. It was succeeded by the Defence Committee (Operations) (see CAB69). CAB83

War Cabinet: Joint Planning Committees
1939-47 95 volumes
Minutes and papers of the committees responsible for strategic, executive and future operational planning. [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB84

War Cabinet: Anglo-French Committees
1939-47 95 volumes
Minutes and papers of various Anglo-French co-ordinating and liaison committees. Many of the papers relate to the pooling of resources and the purchasing of supplies. CAB85.

War Cabinet: Combined Chiefs of Staff Committees and Sub-Committees
1942-49 108 pieces
Minutes and papers of the Committee of British and American Chiefs of Staff, which was responsible from 1942 for the strategic conduct of the war, the broad programme of war requirements, the direction of munitions resources and overseas transport requirements. Also included are records of sub-committees dealing with subjects including radar and responder beacons. [Some pieces are closed for 50 years.] CAB88

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War Cabinet: Home Defence Committees
1940-45 8 volumes
Records of various committees set up to deal with home defence matters not of strategical importance, including protection of vulnerable points, security arrangements and camouflage. [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB93

War Cabinet: Overseas Defence Committee
1939-42 4 volumes
Records of the Committee responsible for overseas defence matters not of strategical importance. CAB94

Official War Histories: Military
1939-77 344 volumes and files
Records relating to the production of the Official Military Histories of the Second World War, including authors' typescripts, drafts and narratives prepared by research assistants and critical comments. The records cover all major aspects of strategy and military operations. CAB101

Joint Planning Staff: Files
1939-48 221 files
Files of papers used in preparing papers for the Joint Planning Committees (see CAB84). [Some papers are closed for 50 years.] CAB119

Minister of Defence: Secretariat Files
1938-47 862 files
Files of the military secretariat of the Cabinet Office for the period when Churchill and Attlee combined the offices of prime minister and minister of defence. Subjects covered include weapons and munitions, shipping, scientific warfare, communications and oil. CAB120

Defence Committee
1946-51 11 volumes and files
Minutes and papers of the Committee responsible for defence policy and planning. CAB131

British Joint Staff Mission: Minutes and Memoranda
Not yet received in PRO. CAB138

Combined Operations Headquarters Records
1937-51 1795 files
Records relating to the administration, planning and execution of combined operations, and to training and equipment. DEFE2

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Chiefs of Staff Committee: Minutes

1947-52 58 volumes

Minutes of meetings of the Committee, continued from CAB79. [Some items are closed for 50 years.] DEFE4

Chiefs of Staff Committee: Memoranda

1947-52 43 volumes

Memoranda presented to the Committee, continued from CAB80. [Some items are closed for 50 years.] DEFE5

Chiefs of Staff Committee: Joint Planning Staff Reports

1947-52 22 volumes

Reports continued from CAB84. [Some items are closed for 50 years.] DEFE6

Registered Files: General Series

1947-63 687 files

Files covering a wide range of defence matters, including arms and equipment and defence research. [Some items are closed for 50 years.] DEFE7

Operations Papers

1938-46 526 files

Papers dealing with defence and operational subjects reflecting the activities of the Prime Minister as Minister of Defence during the Second World War. At an official level they are paralleled by the "PM files" in CAB120. In addition to operational and defence planning there are papers relating to aircraft; ammunition; artillery; bacteriological and chemical warfare; balloons; bombs; camouflage; explosives; glass; maps; mines; naval land equipment, oil; radio direction finding; rifles; satellites; shipbuilding; smoke protection; steel; submarines; telecommunications research; tanks; and the UP rocket. [Some papers are closed for 50 or 75 years.] PREM3

Gifts and Deposits: Kitchener Papers

1877-1938 124 folders etc.

Papers of the first Earl Kitchener of Khartoum including some relating to his surveys of Palestine and Cyprus; the conquest of the Sudan; the Boer War; Kitchener's tenure of office as commander in chief in India and as minister plenipotentiary in Egypt; and papers accumulated while he was Secretary of State for War during the First World War. A list has been published by the List and Index Society, vol.12. PRO30/57

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State Papers Domestic: Military
1640-1782 144 volumes
Papers on a wide variety of military matters sent to the secretaries of state. Documents calendared in the *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic*. SP41

State Papers Domestic: Naval
1689-1782 144 volumes etc.
Papers on a wide variety of naval matters sent to the secretaries of state. Documents calendared in the *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic*. SP42

1.1 BACTERIOLOGICAL WARFARE

War Cabinet: Bacteriological Warfare Committee: Secretary's Files
1941-45 13 files
Files relating to bacteriological warfare. [Whole class retained by the Cabinet Office.] CAB136

1.2 ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE

War Cabinet: Committees on the Battle of the Atlantic and Anti-U-Boat Warfare
1941-45 7 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committees concerned with the Battle of the Atlantic and U-Boat Warfare. CAB86

1.3 TECHNICAL WARFARE

War Cabinet: Joint Technical Warfare Committee: Secretary's Files
1943-48 23 files
Files relating to developments in the technical aspects of warfare. [Whole class retained in the Cabinet Office.] CAB137

2. DEFENCE: ARMS, FORTIFICATIONS, AND SUPPLIES

The earliest organisation responsible for the provision of weapons, ammunition and equipment for land and sea forces was the Board of Ordnance, which was established in the sixteenth century. The Board was responsible for the procurement and issue of all kinds of warlike stores, but at first had little to do with the actual use of the weapons and equipment. In the late seventeenth century, however, the Board became responsible for artillery and engineer forces and for the construction and maintenance of fortifications and barracks. The Board was abolished in 1855, when its functions were assumed by the War Office. The control of the Navy's guns thus passed for a time to the Army, until a Naval Ordnance Department was formed in 1891, from which date records relating to naval armaments are in Admiralty classes listed in section 4 below.

The critical nature of munitions supply during the First World War led to the creation of the Ministry of Munitions in 1915. It was at first responsible for light and heavy arms, ammunition, and explosives for the army and later acquired responsibility for optical munitions and scientific instruments, mineral oils and petroleum, machine tools, chemical and gas supplies, signals and electrical appliances, engines, tanks and aircraft as well as transport services. The Ministry also undertook research and development in all these areas.

The supply problem lost its urgency after 1918 and the Ministry's powers were dispersed among the War Office, the Air Ministry and the Board of Trade. There was no centralised supply department until the eve of the Second World War, although some co-ordination measures were undertaken by the Principal Supply Officers' Committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence. The Ministry of Supply was established in 1939 with responsibility for the Royal Ordnance Factories and for design, inspection and research in connection with the supply of munitions, clothing and other stores to the War Office and Air Ministry but not for the design and production of aircraft, which became the concern of a separate Ministry of Aircraft Production in 1940. It was also responsible for the supply of common stores to government departments and was given powers to control the acquisition, disposal, manufacture and prices of raw materials and essential products, including petroleum and iron and steel. It also exercised a degree of control over the engineering industry and especially machine tools.

After the war the Ministry of Supply took over responsibility for aircraft production, but in 1959 it was disbanded and reconstituted as the Ministry of Aviation, responsible for civil aviation and the supply of aircraft, guided missiles, radar and electronic equipment to the armed forces. Other supply functions were returned to the War Office and Air Ministry.

The classes of records listed here deal with all aspects of ordnance and supply matters. The first section (2.1) includes the main series of records of the Ordnance Board down to its dissolution but including in some cases later records. These classes include information on weapons and equipment, artillery and military engineering matters. The second section (2.2) includes the main series of records dealing with arms and supply matters in general, with records of Ordnance Factories, the Ministry of Munitions, the Ministry of Supply, Cabinet committees and other organisations responsible for defence materiel. Sub-sections deal with research and development matters generally (and scientific co-operation and liaison with the United States) and with explosives and chemicals. Other research and development files will be found under the more specific subject headings which follow.

7.1 ORDNANCE SERVICES GENERALLY, TO c.1870

Gifts and Deposits: Carmichael Smyth Papers
1805-60 23 volumes, etc.
Papers of Sir James Carmichael Smyth (1779-1838) of the Royal Engineers, including reports on the Ordnance Department in the West Indies and in Jamaica, on the defence of British North America, and on the Ordnance Survey in Ireland. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.10. PRO30/3

Gifts and Deposits: Ordnance Office Records
1627-1745 20 volumes
A miscellaneous collection of Ordnance Office records, including account, delivery, receipt and contract books, warrants and correspondence and papers. PRO30/3

Ordnance Office In-Letters
1682-1873 732 volumes, etc.
Papers, mainly of the early nineteenth century, relating to all aspects of the provision of warlike stores, including a large number of papers relating to inventions. WO44

Ordnance Office Reference Books
1783-1870 298 volumes
Entry books providing a brief summary of the in-letters to the Board and the Board's action, if any. WO45

Ordnance Office Out-Letters
1660-1861 169 volumes
Entry books of out-letters, very largely between the Board and its senior officials, the Master General and Lieutenant General, and the Commander in Chief, covering a wide range of ordnance matters. WO46

Ordnance Office Minutes
1644-1856 2897 volumes, etc.
A number of series of minute books recording the Board's proceedings, in whole or in part. The minutes give details of in-letters and the action taken on them; from 1809 this information is given in great detail. WO47

Ordnance Office Ledgers
1660-1847 357 volumes
The Treasurer's ledgers recording payments by the Board for goods and services, often with detailed inventories. For a fuller description of these and other Ordnance Board accounting records see PRO leaflet no.50. WO48

Ordnance Office Miscellanea
1568-1923 3038 volumes
Various series of reports, papers and letter books, including engineers' papers, artillery papers, reports on schemes of fortification and stores records. WO55

2.2 ARMS AND SUPPLIES GENERALLY

Ministry of Supply: Private Office Papers
1949-49 69 files
Papers of the wartime ministers and parliamentary secretaries covering the major aspects of the Ministry's work. A few files extend beyond 1945. AVIA11

Ministry of Supply: Unregistered Papers
1928-56 244 files
Papers mainly from the wartime Ministry of Supply but including a small number of prewar records from predecessor departments as well as a few post-war items. The class includes committee papers and miscellaneous unregistered papers relating to such subjects as overseas supplies, radar and statistics. AVIA12

Ministry of Supply: Registered Files
1934-62 3327 files
Files relating to all the functions of the Ministry except Army procurement, which was transferred to the War Office in 1959 (for which see WO32 and WO185). The files thus cover the Ministry's involvement with the engineering industry, including the control of such products as ball and roller bearings and hand and machine tools; its dealings with the chemical industry and the production of explosives; control over raw materials such as iron and steel; the provision of buildings and equipment; and scientific research and development work on projects including radar and signalling equipment, metallurgy, rubber and plastics. AVIA22

North American Supplies
1933-47 1283 files
Records of the various British organisations established in the United States and Canada to procure military supplies during the Second World War. The records contain information about all kinds of military equipment, including aircraft. See also CAB92, 109, 110, 115. AVIA38

Ministry of Supply Files: Series 1 (Establishment)
1832-1956 527 files
Establishment files of the Ministry, including a historical series of narratives of war-time events and developments concerning the Ministries of Supply and Aircraft Production and the Air Ministry. These include type biographies of aircraft; narratives of research and production

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(cont.) programmes for radio, armaments and other equipment; and narratives of the control of raw materials and timber. AVIA46

Ministry of Supply Files: Series 2 (General)
1943-59 148 files
Files from the Ministry's post-war series on general subjects, including royalty and licence agreements, iron and steel nationalisation, civil aviation and German and Japanese reparations. AVIA49

Ministry of Supply Files: Series 6 (Contracts)
1912-72 608 files
Files relating to the Ministry's contracts for aircraft; engines; machine tools; electronic and communications equipment; armaments; and other equipment. Files also deal with disputed claims, patents and inventions. AVIA53

Ministry of Supply Files: Series 8 (Production)
Not yet transferred to PRO. AVIA55

Ministry of Supply Files: Series 9 (Inspection)
1945-59 30 files
Files relating to the inspection of aircraft, engines, radio components and aluminium houses. AVIA56

Committee of Imperial Defence: Principal Supply Officers' Committee
1924-39 73 volumes
Records of the Committee, set up in 1924, and its sub-committees and associated organisations which planned the supply of munitions and war like stores and the raw materials and industrial capacity to produce them. Subjects covered include armaments, engineering, shipbuilding, scientific stores, tanks and road transport, airframes and aero-engines, food, and medical stores. See also SUPP3. CAB60

War Cabinet: Defence Committee (Supply)
1940-46 13 pieces
Records of the Committee, which dealt with crises in the supply of equipment to the armed forces, including guns, ammunition, tanks and aircraft. CAB70

War Cabinet: Committees on Supply, Production, Priority and Manpower
1939-46 128 volumes

Records of the committees which oversaw the procurement of supplies, especially from North America, the organisation of the import programme, and the allocation of available resources of manpower, raw materials and production capacity. CAB92

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London Munitions Assignment Board: Secretary's Files
1942-46 130 files
Papers relating to the Allied allocation of munitions in accordance with strategic needs. CAB109

Allied Supplies Executive
1940-46 478 files
Files relating to military and civil supplies to Russia and the Persian Gulf area and the exchange of technical information. CAB111

Central Office for North American Supplies
1939-44 756 files
Records relating to the supply of armaments, raw materials and food to Great Britain, the allies and other countries needing relief supplies, and to the exchange of technical and scientific information. CAB115

Ministry of Economic Warfare
1931-51 1336 files
Files relating to measures designed to undermine the economic structure of the Axis powers in the Second World War, including economic intelligence and contraband control. Further files relate to the co-ordination of supplies from European neutrals and economic planning for liberated and occupied territories in Europe. FO837

Middle East Supply Centre
1938-45 471 files
Files relating to problems of agricultural and industrial production, supplies and distribution in the Middle East during the Second World War. FO922

Control Office: Intelligence Objectives Sub-Committee
1933-46 192 files
Files relating to the work of the Combined and the British Intelligence Objectives Sub-Committees in obtaining technical and political intelligence of urgent military importance. FO935

Ministry of Munitions: Records of the Central Registry etc.
1909-37 7076 files
Records relating to all aspects of munitions production and the liquidation of the Ministry of Munitions and the disposal of surplus stores after the First World War. Subjects covered include aeronautical supplies; anti-aircraft equipment; chemicals and chemical warfare;

(cont.) communications; electrical supply; explosives; fertilisers; fuses; glassware; grenades; guns and gun ammunition; machine tools; mechanical warfare; metals and raw materials; petroleum products; research; rifles and small arms; and trench warfare. MUN4

Historical Records Branch
1901-43 393 boxes, volumes, etc.
Documents used in preparing the unpublished Official History of the Ministry of Munitions, covering all aspects of munitions supply and production. They are arranged under subject headings, including labour, contracts, inventions, design, inspections, guns, gun ammunition, small arms and small arms ammunition, explosives, trench warfare supplies, machine tools, metals and miscellaneous materials, other stores, and inland transport. MUN5

Files Transferred to the War Office
1881-1930 559 files
Files transferred to the War Office after the demise of the Ministry of Munitions, relating to explosives supply, contracts, inventions, inspection, design and raw materials. MUN7

Principal Supply Officers Committee
1917-39 88 boxes
Records of the Committee, similar to those in CAB60. SUPP3

Contract Record Books
1922-58 411 volumes
Records of all contracts placed by the Ministry of Supply and its predecessors, covering contracts for vehicles, ordnance, machine tools, building materials, clothing, aero engines, and miscellaneous equipment. SUPP4

Ordnance Establishments: Headquarters and Factory Records
c.1710-1954 1013 volumes
Entry books and miscellaneous records maintained by the Royal Ordnance Factories, etc. They cover all aspects of the production of weapons and equipment, including experimental work. SUPP5

Ordnance Board, etc.: Proceedings, Reports and Memoranda
1855-1950 686 volumes
Records of the various Ordnance Boards and Committees responsible for the development and production of weapons and equipment. SUPP6

2.2 ARMS AND SUPPLIES GENERALLY

Private Collections: Geddes Papers
1915-16 1 file
Papers of Sir Eric Geddes, Deputy Director General of Munitions Supply. SUPP12

Ministry of Supply Files
1917-57 881 files
Files opened and closed in the Ministry between 1939 and 1959, when it was reconstituted as the Ministry of Aviation, dealing with a wide range of aspects of supply, particularly the engineering industry and the control and supply of raw materials. SUPP14

Defence Policy and Materiel Division
1921-53 212 files
Files relating to Treasury involvement with the armed forces and their budgets; defence contracts; research; works and supplies; and civil aviation (until 1957). The files date from 1948 onwards, but some contain earlier papers. T225

Quartermaster General
1763-1946 246 boxes, files, etc.
Papers of the Quartermaster General relating, inter alia, to transport and supply programmes in the First and Second World Wars. WO107

Ministry of Supply: Files
1934-62 294 files
Files relating to functions of the Ministry which reverted to the War Office in 1959. Subjects covered include research and development; projectile development; disposal of surplus stores; Royal Engineer equipment; fighting vehicles; Royal Ordnance Factories; munitions production; ammunition production; instrument production; and contracts. WO185

Inter-Departmental Contracts and Procurement Committee and Sub-Committees
1920-63 44 files
Minutes and papers of the Committees, established in 1920 to standardise contracts procedures and prevent competition between the services. WO221

Contracts Precedent Books
1900-63 6 volumes
General note books summarising decisions on contracts for supplies and other matters. WO254

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Directorate of Supplies and Transport: Papers
1942-56 27 files
Papers relating to transport and supply matters, particularly fuel supplies. WO272

2.2.1 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

British Central Scientific Office: Registered Files
1940-52 89 files
Files of the Office, established in 1941 in Washington to continue the work of scientific co-operation between Britain and America initiated by the Henry Tizard Mission in 1940. The Office also co-ordinated scientific services common to all British organisations in America. In 1944 it merged with the scientific missions of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa to form the British Commonwealth Scientific Office. The files cover a wide range of subjects, including fuses and explosives, infra-red systems, radar and radio, insecticides and fuels. AVIA42

Ministry of Supply and Ministry of Aircraft Production: Scientific and Technical Monographs
1938-54 609 files
Specialist monographs recording the results of research by the two ministries during the Second World War. The subjects cover the whole range of the work of the ministries and their research establishments, including such subjects as telecommunications, radar and radio; armaments design and development; electrical, mechanical and structural engineering; chemical and chemical defence research; general physical and related research; metallurgy; ordnance factories; aircraft and aerodynamics; and jets and gas turbines. AVIA44

Ministry of Supply: Research Division
1952-60 8 files
Files relating to the Ministry's responsibility for the co-ordination and promotion of research and development programmes. Files so far transferred deal mainly with the administration of these programmes. AVIA64

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British Joint Staff Mission: Washington Office Files
1940-49 1601 files
Files of the Mission responsible for liaison with the American Joint Chiefs of Staff and other senior American officials, including scientific and technical liaison. [Some files are closed for 50 years; others are retained by the Cabinet Office.] CAB122

2.2.2 EXPLOSIVES AND CHEMICALS

Explosives Research and Development Establishment: Reports and Memoranda
Class not yet transferred to PRO. AVIA37

Quinan Papers
1902-21 300 folders
The official papers of KB Quinan, Director of Factories in the Explosives Supply Department of the Ministry of Munitions, 1915-19, relating to the design and erection of chemical and explosives factories. SUPP10

War of 1914 to 1918: Chemical Warfare Records
1905-24 237 files, etc.
Reports, correspondence and papers relating to the development, manufacture and use of poison gases by Britain and her allies in the First World War. WO142

Chemical Defence Experimental Establishment: Correspondence and Papers
1916-39 387 files
Records of experiments on and trials of chemical weapons and protective devices carried out at Porton and other research establishments, and general papers on chemical warfare in Britain and overseas. WO188

Chief Inspector of Chemicals: Correspondence and Papers
Records not yet received in PRO. WO278

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The classes of records listed here consist of those relating specifically to the army, its operations and equipment. They do not include the records of the Board of Ordnance, which was independent up to 1855 and was responsible for naval as well as army ordnance, and for artillery and engineer forces (see section 2 above). From 1855, however, the War Office became responsible for its own ordnance, as well as for the artillery and the engineers, and classes of records relating to them will be found below.

Section 3 lists classes of records relating to army matters in general; records of military headquarters; series relating to intelligence, operations and training; and war diaries (reports on operations, intelligence summaries, etc., from individual units). All these classes contain information relating to the development, production and use of equipment.

Section 3.1 lists classes of records relating specifically to research and development of army equipment, with sub-sections dealing with signals, armaments, and fighting vehicles.

Section 3.2 lists classes of records dealing with military engineering and military buildings.

It should be noted that, especially in the Second World War, the three armed forces were subject to a large degree of unified control on both operational and supply matters. Information relating to the development and use of army equipment will thus be found also in the classes of records listed in sections 1 and 2 above.

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War Office: In Letters and Papers

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1732-1868 1138 volumes and bundles
Original despatches, letters and papers sent to the War Office relating to the whole range of military matters, including despatches from commanders in the field and papers and correspondence from the Ordnance Office. WO1

Headquarters Records
1746-1909 349 volumes, etc.
Records of various military headquarters of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, including some reports and papers from the Crimea, 1854-56, relating to engineers, transport, and medical services. WO28

Registered Papers: General Series
1853-1976 15512 files
Registered files covering the whole range of War Office business, arranged under subject codes. Subjects covered include air defence and air support; coastal defence; communications; factories; general and warlike stores; intelligence; inventions and patents; medical; radar; ration scales; research; stores and equipment; supplies; telegraphy; training; and works and buildings. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] WO32

O and A Papers
1853-1948 1847 volumes, etc.
A collection of printed reports, memoranda, etc., given a restricted circulation and covering a wide range of military matters, including armaments, chemical defence, communications, medical research, stores and equipment of all kinds, and transport. [Some papers are closed for 50 or 75 years.] WO33

Selected VOS and OS Papers
1809-57 1059 bundles
A selection of miscellaneous correspondence in the Very Old Series (VOS) up to 1827 and the Old Series (OS) from 1827 to 1857. The papers cover a wide range of military matters, including stores and equipment. WO43

War of 1914 to 1918: War Diaries
1914-22 5494 boxes and files
Daily records of events, reports on operations, intelligence summaries, etc., of headquarters, army corps, divisional, regimental and other commanders in all theatres during the First World War and of British forces in Russia, 1919-22. The war diaries of headquarters units, engineer, transport, supply and medical units contain much scientific and technical material. WO95

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Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence
1837-1960 5964 boxes, volumes and files
Correspondence and papers relating to military operations and intelligence. The papers are mostly arranged topographically and cover the whole range of military matters, including defence schemes and equipment and operational reports. [Some files are closed for 50, 75 or 100 years.] WO106

South African War Papers
1899-1905 339 volumes, etc.
Reports, returns and correspondence of the Commander in Chief in South Africa relating to various aspects of the war. WO108

Registered Papers: Special Series
1914-46 107 boxes and files
Records removed from WO32 to which public access is withheld for 100 years. WO141

War of 1914 to 1918: Intelligence Summaries
1914-21 1307 volumes, etc.
Summaries of information and reports on military and economic matters. WO157

War of 1914 to 1918: Correspondence and Papers of Military Headquarters
1909-29 973 files
Correspondence and papers of military headquarters, covering the planning of and reports on operations, reports on munitions and equipment, reports on German air raids, and a wide range of military matters. WO158

War of 1914 to 1918: Special Series
1916-23 24 files
Miscellaneous papers closed to public access for 100 years. WO160

War of 1914 to 1918: Miscellaneous Unregistered Papers
1914-44 103 files, etc.
Miscellaneous papers covering subjects including chemical warfare; supplies and transport; arms and ammunition; medical services; fortifications and works. WO161

War Office Council and Army Council Records
1806-1964 617 volumes, etc.
Minutes and decisions of the Councils and of their various committees and papers prepared by the Army Council Secretariat. The records cover the whole range of military affairs, including weapons and equipment and scientific research. WO163

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War of 1939 to 1945: War Diaries

The following classes contain daily records of events, reports on operations, intelligence summaries, etc., of War Office directorates, headquarters, divisional, regimental and other units. Those of headquarters units, engineer, supply, transport and medical units contain much technical information. WO165-WO179

War Office Directorates	1938-47	141 files	WO165
Home Forces	1939-46	17929 files	WO166
British Expeditionary Force	1939-41	1446 files	WO167
Northwest Expeditionary Force (Norway)	1939-40	110 files	WO168
Middle East Forces	1939-46	24845 files	WO169
Central Mediterranean Forces	1943-46	9162 files	WO170
North West Europe	1943-46	11099 files	WO171
South East Asia Command and Allied Land Forces, South East Asia	1939-46	11395 files	WO172
West Africa	1939-46	1331 files	WO173
Madagascar	1942	49 files	WO174
British North Africa Forces	1941-43	1349 files	WO175
Various Smaller Theatres	1938-47	394 files	WO176
Medical Services	1939-46	2980 files	WO177
Military Missions	1939-46	88 files	WO178
Dominion Forces	1939-46	5930 files	WO179

[Records closed for 100 years except to those who sign an undertaking not to disclose

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(cont.) information of a personal nature. Forms for such undertakings are available at the Reference Desk.]

Directorate of Military Survey
1887-1947 314 files
Records relating to various geographical surveys made for the General Staff and to the equipment used in such surveys. WO181

Appreciation Files
1922-41 893 files
Reports on the military situation in Germany and adjacent countries. WO190

War Diaries and Headquarters Records: Peacetime Operations
1927-48 85 files
Headquarters and operational papers of campaigns in Abyssinia (1935-36), Egypt (1935-36), India (1930-37), Palestine (1936-37 and 1945-48) and Shanghai (1927-32). [War diaries are closed for 100 years except to those prepared to sign an undertaking not to disclose information of a personal nature. Some other records are closed for 50 years.] WO191

Fort Record Books
1892-1957 324 volumes and bundles
Records of the operation, administration and history of forts at home and abroad. WO192

Directorate of Military Operations: Collation Files
1934-51 991 files
Files of information on a world-wide basis of military planning, operations, statistics, intelligence, etc. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] WO193

War of 1939 to 1945: Military Headquarters Papers
The following classes contain files of the headquarters in the various theatres of the Second World War. The files deal with the planning and execution of military operations, including the use of weapons and equipment. WO197-WO205

British Expeditionary Force
1939-41 135 files WO197

North West Expeditionary Force
1940 1941 files WO198

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Home Forces
1914-56 3300 files WO199

Middle East Forces
1936-46 2855 files WO201

Military Missions
1938-52 1014 files WO202

Far East Forces
1932-49 5952 files WO203

Allied Forces Headquarters
1941-48 10698 files WO204

21 Army Group
1942-47 1229 volumes and files WO205

[Some files are closed for 50 or 100 years.]

Directorate of Military Intelligence
1917-55 3748 files
Papers containing historical, topographical, economic and medical as well as military information about countries which were or might have been involved in hostilities. Most of the files are arranged alphabetically under countries. There are additional series dealing with chemical warfare and technical intelligence; general and miscellaneous intelligence; and translations of enemy publications. WO208

Alexander Papers
1941-45 70 files
Official and semi-official correspondence of Lord Alexander of Tunis, Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre, 1944-45, covering planning of and operations during the campaigns in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. WO214

War of 1939 to 1945: GHQ Liaison Regiment: War Diaries and Papers
1939-46 63 files and volumes
Papers specially collected to give a history of the regiment, formerly the GHQ Reconnaissance Unit and known as Phantom. WO215

Chief of the (Imperial) General Staff: Papers
1935-54 822 files
Papers dealing with a wide range of military operations, administration, policy and equipment matters. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] WO216

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War of 1939 to 1945: Military Headquarters Papers: SHAEF
1939-46 5202 volumes, files, and folders
WO219

Directorate of Military Training: Papers
1940-54 78 files
Reports of operations during the Second World War for use in subsequent training. WO231

Directorate of Tactical Investigation: Papers
1939-50 96 files
Papers relating to the study of war and the formulation of tactical policy, and assessments of the tactical importance of new weapons and equipment. WO232

Erskine Papers
1936-57 23 files
Papers of General Sir George Erskine relating to operations in North Africa in the Second World War and subsequent military affairs in Egypt and Kenya. [One file is closed for 50 years.] WO236

Private Office Papers: Permanent Under Secretary
1936-57 136 files
Files covering a wide range of military matters, mainly so far of an administrative nature. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] WO258

Private Office Papers: Secretary of State
1937-51 81 files
Papers from the office of the Secretary of State on a wide variety of matters, mainly so far of an administrative nature. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] WO259

Quarterly Historical Reports
In 1946 official war diaries ceased and were replaced by quarterly historical reports, giving brief details of major operations and developments. As before, those of headquarters, engineer, signals, transport, supply, and medical units contain much technical information. WO261-WO271

Middle East Land Forces
1946-50 772 files WO261

Central Mediterranean Forces
1946-49 93 files WO262

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British Troops, Austria	1946-50	135 files		WO263
British Element, Trieste Force	1946-50	30 files		WO264
British Troops, Malta	1946-50	89 files		WO265
Gibraltar	1946-49	57 files		WO266
British Army of the Rhine	1946-50	636 files		WO267
Far East Land Forces	1946-50	792 files		WO268
East and West Africa	1946-50	236 files		WO269
Caribbean	1946-50	22 files		WO270
Home Forces	1946-50	157 files		WO271
Sixth Airborne Division: Papers	1945-48	119 files	Orders, reports, logs and other papers relating to operations and exercises of British forces in Palestine.	WO275
East Africa Command: Papers	1936-64	360 files	Headquarters, committee, operational and other papers relating to military affairs in East Africa.	WO276
Monographs	1949-61	30 volumes	Monographs on technical, logistical, tactical and administrative matters, prepared for training purposes.	WO277
Confidential Print	1938-54	163 booklets	Handbooks, manuals and memoranda printed for internal use within the War Office, relating to military manoeuvres, staff conferences, training, and the use of equipment.	WO279

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Korean War: War Diaries
1950-52 681 files
Daily records of events, reports on operations, intelligence reports, etc. of commanders of units in Korea. Headquarters, engineer, signals, supply and transport unit diaries contain much technical information. [Some items are closed for 75 years.] WO281

B Papers
1905-49 223 pamphlets
Papers printed for internal circulation in the War Office in the B series, mainly consisting of military or intelligence reports on foreign countries, but including some relating to military equipment. WO287

Suez Campaign: War Diaries and Unregistered Papers
Documents not yet received in PRO. WO288

3.1 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT: GENERAL

Scientific and Advisory Council Papers
1939-50 10703 files
Reports and other circulated papers of the Council, set up in 1939 to consider and initiate new proposals for research and development, to review research and development in progress, to recommend the best use of scientific personnel, and to advise on scientific and technical problems referred to them. Subjects covered range across the whole field of military activity, including weapons, explosives, and communications. [Some files are retained by the Ministry of Defence.] WO195

Royal Engineer and Signals Board Proceedings
1919-37 30 volumes
Printed handbooks of extracts from proceedings relating to field equipment, air defence and signals equipment. WO187

3.1.1 SIGNALS

Signals Research and Development Establishment: Reports
1919-48 1004 reports
Reports on the design and development of wireless and line signals equipment for the Army

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(cont.) and the application of electronics to such problems as mine detection and the use of infra-red in night fighting. The Establishment was set up by the War Office in 1916 and passed to the Ministry of Supply in 1939. AVIA23

Directorate of Signals: Papers
1936-50 165 files and diagrams
Papers relating to the planning and use of signals equipment, particularly in major operations in the Second World War. [One file is closed for 75 years.] WO244

Tropical Testing Establishment, Nigeria: Reports and Memoranda
1945-61 165 files
Reports and memoranda from the Establishment set up in 1944 to test the susceptibility of service equipment and materials to deterioration under tropical conditions. The reports mainly cover radio, radar, and signalling equipment. AVIA45

3.1.2 ARMAMENTS

School of Musketry, Hythe
1853-1928 15 volumes
Records of experiments and trials of small arms and ammunition. WO140

Proof and Experimental Establishments
1852-1936 11 files
Trials reports, out-letter books, photographs etc. of artillery testing at Shoeburyness, 1852-1936, and of the testing of fire control, range finding and other equipment at the Royal Artillery Trials Establishment, Ty Croes, from 1942 onwards. WO186

Director of Artillery
1892-1946 53 folders
Reports and appreciations on the defence of coasts and fortresses at home and overseas. WO196

3.1.3 FIGHTING VEHICLES

Fighting Vehicles Research and Development Establishment
1921-50 154 folders
Technical reports of tests undertaken by various establishments on tanks and other fighting vehicles. WO194

3.2 MILITARY ENGINEERING AND BUILDING

Engineer in Chief Papers
1939-50 32 files
Papers, reports, pamphlets and technical notes relating to engineer operations, training, research and development of equipment, technical intelligence and works services at home and overseas. WO227

Mulbery Harbour Photographs
n.d. 2 boxes
Photographs of the prefabricated artificial harbour used to support the Normandy landings in 1944. WO240

Royal Ordnance Factories
1936-51 19 boxes
Papers relating to the construction of emergency ordnance filling factories and ancillary buildings. List published by the List and Index Society, vol.79. WORK26

Maps and Plans: Army Establishments
1713-1963 1353 maps, etc.
Maps and plans of barracks, depots, forts, batteries, etc. WORK43

War Office Directorate of Contracts: Works Contract Precedent Books
Records not yet received in PRO. WORK52

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Control of the navy was until 1832 divided between the Navy Board and the Board of Admiralty, with the former nominally, but not in practice, subordinate to the latter. The Navy Board was responsible for the civil administration of the navy (including shipbuilding and maintenance, stores and contracts) while the Board of Admiralty governed the navy itself. The two Boards were combined in 1832 and the reconstituted Board of Admiralty became responsible for all naval matters. Naval ordnance, however, remained the responsibility of the Board of Ordnance until its abolition in 1855 and thereafter of the War Office until a Naval Ordnance Department was established at the Admiralty in 1891 (see section 2 above).

In both the First and the Second World Wars the navy, unlike the army and the air force, retained responsibility for its own supplies and thus information relating to naval ships and equipment will be found almost exclusively in classes of records listed here.

Section 4 lists classes of general series of records from the Board of Admiralty and the Navy Board; records of naval stations; records relating to Royal Marines; and intelligence records. These classes contain scientific and technical information across the whole range of naval matters.

Section 4.1 lists classes specifically relating to the building, fitting out and repairing of ships. Sub-section 4.1.1 relates to the testing of ships' compasses.

Section 4.2 lists classes of records relating to naval dockyards.

Section 4.3 lists classes of records relating to scientific research and the work of naval research establishments; subsections deal with engineering and with mines, torpedoes and anti-submarine defence.

Section 4.4 lists records relating to naval armaments. As indicated above, this was until 1891 the responsibility first of the Board of Ordnance and then of the War Office.

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Admiralty and Secretariat Papers

1660-1969 24199 volumes, files, etc.

The main series of correspondence and papers of the Admiralty from 1660. The centralised direction of naval affairs from 1832 resulted in the reference to the Admiralty Board, or individual members of it, of all matters involving policy decisions, and thus in the creation of a series of papers in the secretary's department. Important papers registered in other Admiralty departments were also transferred to the Admiralty Record Office from the last quarter of the nineteenth century.

The papers are indexed in the Admiralty digests and indexes in the class ADM12 (q.v.). The subject cuts in the digests form the basis upon which later papers in ADM1 are arranged. Relevant subject cuts include armaments, atomic warfare, contracts, HM ships, bacteriological warfare, dockyards, chemical warfare, industrial organisation, medical, hydrography, inventions, explosions, scientific and cultural, machinery, strategy and tactics, aviation, ships and vessels, signalling, telecommunications and radio, and stores.

Large groups of papers which might have found their way into this class were sometimes made up into 'cases' now found in ADM7 and ADM116. Other papers of similar character which were used by the official historians of the two world wars are in ADM137 and ADM199. Sensitive papers extracted from ADM1 are in ADM178. ADM1

Admiralty and Secretariat: Out-Letters

1656-1859 1756 volumes

Entry books of out-letters corresponding to the in-letters in ADM1. During the nineteenth century drafts of out-letters and from 1869 copies were placed with the in-letters. ADM2

Admiralty Minutes

1657-1881 286 volumes, etc.

Minutes of the Board of Admiralty. For later Board minutes see ADM167. ADM3

Admiralty and Secretariat: Miscellanea

1563-1947 945 volumes, etc.

Papers covering a wide variety of topics including dockyards, navigation, and arctic expeditions. ADM7

Admiralty and Secretariat: Indexes and Compilations: Series III

1660-1938 1735 volumes

These include the Admiralty digests and

(cont.) indexes which form the principal means of reference to the Admiralty and Secretariat Papers and Cases in ADM1 and ADM116. The digests are subject indexes, the indexes are indexes of persons and ships. The cuts in the digests changed quite frequently; some of the scientific and technical cuts are listed in the description of ADM1. ADM12

Navy Board Records
1659-1837 3625 volumes
The Navy Board was responsible, between its establishment in 1546 and its abolition in 1832, for materials, non-combatant personnel, warrant officers and ratings and the civil administration of the Navy. This class includes in-letters, entry books of out-letters, minutes, registers and miscellaneous papers relating to armaments, transports, yards, stores, works, and contracts. In- and out-letters and the minutes between 1822 and 1832 are indexed in indexes and digests (pieces 2153-77).

ADM106

Admiralty and Secretariat Cases
1852-1960 5972 volumes
Groups of Admiralty and Secretariat papers (see ADM1) which were bound up into cases. They are arranged like the papers in ADM1 under subject cuts corresponding to the cuts in the digests in ADM12.

ADM116

Royal Marine Office Letter Books
While the primary interest of the letters in these entry books is in establishment and personnel matters, they also deal with questions relating to equipment. They are listed simply by date, but the volumes are indexed. ADM56-ADM63

General
1806-68 107 volumes ADM56

Woolwich
1868-69 2 volumes ADM57

Chatham
1868-84 21 volumes ADM58

Royal Marine Artillery
1868-84 17 volumes ADM59

Gosport
1868-84 17 volumes ADM60

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Plymouth 1868-84	17 volumes	ADM61
Deal 1868-84	18 volumes	ADM62
Miscellaneous 1834-89	30 volumes	ADM63

See also ADM191, 200.

Station Records

Records created in the naval stations in the United Kingdom and abroad. While the primary interest of these records is not scientific or technical, correspondence and papers relating to fleet activities can cover such subjects as hydrography, signalling and ordnance. ADM121-ADM131

Mediterranean Station Records: Correspondence, etc. 1843-1920	87 volumes	ADM121
Australia Station Records: Correspondence 1855-96	27 volumes	ADM122
Africa Station Records: Correspondence 1797-1932	185 volumes	ADM123
Africa Station Records: Indexes to Correspondence 1845-1918	14 volumes	ADM124
China Station Records: Correspondence 1828-1936	148 volumes	ADM125
China Station Records: Indexes to Correspondence 1856-1914	6 volumes	ADM126
East Indies Station Records: Correspondence 1808-1930	71 volumes	ADM127
North America and West Indies Station Records: Correspondence, etc. 1810-1913	153 volumes and files	ADM128
North America and West Indies Station Records: Indexes to Correspondence 1859-82	2 volumes	ADM129
Plymouth Station Records: Orders and Memoranda 1859-1928	45 volumes	ADM130

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Plymouth Station Records: Correspondence
1842-1926 124 volumes ADM131

See also ADM143-52, 155, 172, 179, 217.

War of 1914 to 1918: Admiralty Historical Section: Packs and Miscellaneous Records
1860-1924 4355 volumes and files
A collection of documents forming material for the official history of the First World War. Many of the documents deal with ships, armaments, machinery, and technical equipment.
See also ADM1, 116. ADM137

Station Records
See under ADM121-131 ADM143-ADM152, ADM155

Plymouth Station Records: Indexes to Correspondence
1876-1912 2 volumes ADM143

Channel Squadron and Fleet Records: Correspondence
1867-1907 27 volumes ADM144

Atlantic Fleet Records: Correspondence
1902-10 3 volumes ADM145

Channel Squadron and Fleet and Atlantic Fleet: Indexes to Correspondence
1867-1910 2 volumes ADM146

South-East America Station Records: Correspondence
1871-1904 11 volumes ADM147

Ireland Station Records: Orders and Memoranda
1821-25 2 volumes ADM148

Ireland Station Records: Correspondence
1816-1912 21 volumes ADM149

Ireland Station Records: Indexes to Correspondence
1816-1912 1 volume ADM150

Nore Station Records: Correspondence, etc.
1805-1939 92 volumes ADM151

Nore Station Records: Indexes to Correspondence
1866-1901 3 volumes ADM152

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Pacific Station Records: Indexes to Correspondence
1893-1903 1 volume ADM155

See also ADM172, 179, 217.

Board of Admiralty Minutes, Memoranda, etc.
1869-1951 136 volumes
A series of Board of Admiralty and subsidiary general minutes, 1869-95, and a series of Board minutes and memoranda from 1895. For earlier minutes see ADM3. See also ADM178. ADM167

Pacific Station Records: Correspondence, etc.
1843-58 4 volumes
See under ADM121-31 and ADM143-52, 155, 179, 217. ADM172

Admiralty and Secretariat: Papers and Cases: Supplementary Series
1892-1951 405 files and volumes
Sensitive items extracted from ADM1, 116 and 167 (q.v.). Few papers contain scientific or technical material. [Most of the records are closed for 100 years but some may be seen after the signing of an undertaking regarding the recording of confidential material.] ADM178

Portsmouth Station Records: Correspondence
1880-1948 538 volumes
See under ADM121-31, 143-52, 172, 217. ADM179

Publications
1827-1957 833 volumes
Printed manuals, instructions, monographs, and reports issued on restricted circulation by the Admiralty. They are arranged under subject headings which include armament (general; guns and associated equipment; explosives and ammunition; torpedo, anti-submarine and mine; guided weapons systems); engineering (general; aircraft; electrical; marine; nuclear); navigation; photography; signals (general and communication equipment). ADM186

Royal Marine Office Letter Books: Admiralty
1826-84 59 volumes
Correspondence between the Office and the Admiralty. See under ADM56-63. See also ADM200. ADM191

War History Cases and Papers
1936-49 2383 volumes and files
Groups of Admiralty and Secretariat papers (see ADM1 and 116) which were bound up into cases and used by the official historians of the Second World War. They relate to all aspects of naval policy and the planning and execution of naval operations. ADM199

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Royal Marine Office Letter Books: War Office
1868-84 5 volumes
See under ADM56-63. See also ADM191. ADM200

Station Records: Western Approaches
1942-45 802 files
See under ADM121-31. See also ADM143-52, 155, 172, 179. ADM217

War of 1939 to 1945: Naval Intelligence Papers
1939-46 145 files and volumes
These include some scientific and technical papers, for example on the technical development of German U-boats and watertight tank experiments. ADM223

British Naval Commander in Chief, Germany: Papers
1940-49 100 files
These papers include files on the disposal of German shipping, stores and equipment. ADM228

Naval Intelligence Papers
1883-1908 50 volumes
Reports and memoranda issued by the Naval Intelligence Committee (from 1887 the Naval Intelligence Department). They include reports on warships and equipment, ports, and coast defences. ADM231

Photographic Extracts: ADM Group
1872-1947 19 folders
Photographs of ships, equipment, and naval stations. CN1

4.1 SHIPS

Surveyor of the Navy: In Letters
1815-50 64 volumes
Letters from the Admiralty to the surveyor of the Navy, responsible for the building, fitting out and repairing of HM ships. After 1832, when the Navy Board, of which the surveyor was a principal officer, was abolished, he was the officer responsible for the material departments of the Admiralty. The records are listed simply by date. ADM83

4.1 SHIPS

Steam Department In-Letters:
Admiralty: Series I
1850-59 20 volumes

Letters from the Admiralty to the Steam Department, which was responsible for the introduction into the Navy of steam propulsion. The letters are listed simply by date. Registers of these letters are in ADM86.

ADM84

Steam Department In-Letters:
Admiralty: Series II
1850-59 58 volumes

See description under ADM84. Registers of these letters are in ADM86.

ADM85

Surveyor of the Navy: In-Letters relating to Ships
1806-60 77 volumes, etc.

For the surveyor's responsibilities see under ADM83. Registers and indexes to these letters from 1832 are in ADM88.

ADM87

Material Departments General Letter Books
1671-1860 24 volumes

Minutes and entries of out-letters, indexed from 1833 onwards. The volumes are listed simply by date.

ADM91

Material Departments Submission Letter Books
1813-60 21 volumes

Minutes and recommendations of the committee of surveyors. The second series, beginning in 1832, is indexed. The volumes are listed simply by date.

ADM92

Steam Department: Letter Books
1847-58 17 volumes

For the Steam Department's responsibilities, see under ADM84. These are submission books similar to those in ADM92. An index to the first ten of these books is in ADM94. Subsequent books contain their own index.

ADM93

Material Departments: Miscellanea
1688-1867 98 volumes

Reports on the sailing qualities of ships, estimates and orders for shipbuilding and stores, particulars of boilers, etc.

ADM95

Material Departments: Ships' Books:
Series I
1807-73 520 volumes

Reports and other papers giving the history of the maintenance of a ship (hull, machinery and armament) from construction to disposal.

ADM135

4.1 SHIPS

Material Departments: Ships' Books: Series II

1854-1962 50 volumes

See ADM135. Later Ships' Books take the form of loose-leaf albums and Series II contains a selection of books in this form. ADM136

Contracts and Purchase Department: Ship Building Specifications [Hull and Machinery]

Deposited at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich ADM168

Ship Department: Ship Building Specifications [Hull and Machinery]

Deposited at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich. ADM170

Material Departments: Photographs of Ships

1854-1945 1141 sets

A complete set of photographs of HM ships, formerly held by the Naval Construction Department. ADM176

Progress and Dimension Books

1620-1912 26 volumes

Registers of naval vessels giving brief details of their construction, date and place of launching, refitting, complement, armament, etc. The class is arranged in two sections: "Progress Books" and "Lists of Ships and Lists of the Navy". ADM180

Surveyor of the Navy: Submissions to the Admiralty Board

1832-39 15 files

Submissions to the Board, with associated correspondence and reports enclosed, about the building, repair, and equipping of naval vessels; and the ruling of the Board of Admiralty upon them. ADM222

Admiralty Experiment Works: Reports

1874-1946 36 volumes

Reports and related papers on vessel design and performance from the works established in 1871. These reports were used by the Naval Construction Department in the improvement of ship design and performance. Pre-1948 reports can also be found in ADM213 (see section 4.3 below). ADM226

4.1 SHIPS

Directorate of Naval Construction: Unregistered Papers

1893-1945 37 volumes

Papers collected by the Director's secretary and not registered on internal or Admiralty files. The first series is of semi-official and private correspondence of Sir William Berry (DNC 1924-30), Sir Arthur Johns (DNC 1930-36), and Sir Stanley Goodall (DNC 1936-44). The second series is of "DNC's Reports", a collection of notes and memoranda on official and professional subjects. Similar papers of Sir Eustace Tennyson d'Eyncourt (DNC 1912-23) are in the National Maritime Museum. Sir Stanley Goodall's professional diaries are in the British Library. ADM229

4.1.1 COMPASS TESTING

Admiralty Compass Observatory: Correspondence, Papers and Reports

1840-c.1916 26 volumes and files

The Compass Branch was formed in 1842, associated with the Hydrographic Department. It published information on compasses, based upon testing and observation and measurement of magnetic deviation resulting from the use of iron in ships. Tables of deviation were prepared for each ship and new equipment was tested. The branch is now an outstation of the Surface Weapons Establishment whose papers are in ADM220. The class consists of correspondence and reports of compass tests. ADM235

4.2 DOCKYARDS

Surveyor of the Navy: In-Letters relating to Yards

1854-59 4 bundles

For the surveyor's responsibilities see under ADM83. There are registers of these letters in ADM90. ADM89

Works Department: Maps and Plans

1708-1922 1420 maps and plans

Maps and plans of naval dockyards and buildings, including plans of machinery and workshops, sawmills and pumphouses, etc. Maps and plans exist in many other ADM classes. ADM140

4.2 DOCKYARDS

Plymouth Dockyard Records
1690-1945 421 volumes, maps, charts, booklets, etc.
Entry books of correspondence, warrants, minutes, orders, instructions and miscellaneous papers and plans, including records relating to the "Steam Factory", established at Keyham in 1845. ADM174

Civil Engineer in Chief: Photographs
1857-1961 126 volumes
Photographs of works in dockyards, etc., in the United Kingdom and overseas. ADM195

Civil Engineer in Chief: Papers
1788-1962 38 files and volumes
Papers, mostly from the present century, relating to works in dockyards and other naval buildings. ADM214

Maps and Plans: Naval Establishments
c.1760-1942 560 documents
Plans of naval establishments, including dockyards, naval hospitals, workshops and magazines. WORK41

4.3 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY

Admiralty Research Laboratory: Reports
1921-46 672 files
The laboratory was founded in 1921 and manned by scientists from former laboratories of the Board of Invention and Research at Aberdour, Fife; Parkestone Quay, Harwich; and Gare Loch, Dumbartonshire. It engages in physical research having applications which relate to naval interests, mainly in oceanography; electromagnetic research; underwater ballistics; vision research and optical instrument development; acoustic research; infra-red radiation; photographic research; and assessment techniques. ADM204

Royal Naval Scientific Service: Journals
1945-70 139 volumes
These journals, first issued in 1945, contain articles of naval, general scientific and technical interest, as well as others of particular interest to the Scientific Service itself. An editorial board of senior scientists is responsible for the journal's policy. ADM206

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Admiralty Research Laboratory: Correspondence and Papers

1915-48 188 files

Files of correspondence and papers dealing with topics similar to those mentioned under ADM204. Also included is a file of correspondence between Sir Ernest Rutherford and Professor WH Bragg relating to the directional hydrophone. ADM212

Admiralty Centre for Scientific Information and Liaison: Reports

1926-48 805 files and volumes

The Centre was founded in 1947, based on the Admiralty Technical Records Centre, which had existed since 1929. Its main function was to receive copies of scientific and technical reports and research and development work of naval interest (particularly those issued by Admiralty departments and establishments) and to disseminate the information in them to all interested Admiralty departments and establishments.

The reports, received from various sources, deal with topics such as underwater weapons, mines, ballistics, optical instruments, armour plating, naval construction, engineering, underwater detection and medical.

From 1948 reports held centrally by the Centre and its successors, the Naval, Scientific and Technical Information Centre (NASTIC) and the Defence Research Information Centre (DRIC) have been arranged in series according to the originating establishment. ADM213

Royal Naval Scientific Service: AB Wood's Papers

1912-64 294 files

Correspondence and papers of Dr. AB Wood covering many of the projects with which he was concerned during his career with the Royal Naval Scientific Service from 1915 to 1964. Topics dealt with include echo-sounding, magnetism, underwater detection, explosives and mines, infra-red, cavitation research and radar, as well as the history of the Service. ADM218

Directorate of Naval Operational Studies: Reports

1941-54 353 files

Operational research groups were formed in Anti-Aircraft Command and in Coastal Command

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(cont.) in 1942, and in June 1942 Professor PMS Blackett was appointed Chief Advisor Operational Research by the Board of Admiralty. Blackett gathered a group of eminent scientists whose function was to tender advice on the improvement of weapons, tactics and strategy based on quantitative analysis of past operations. The group became the Department of Naval Operational Research in 1944, and in 1946 the Department of Operational Research. In 1965 it became the Directorate of Operational Analysis (RN) and in 1968 the Directorate of Naval Operational Studies. This class consists of reports issued by the group. ADM219

Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment
1915-63 392 files

The establishment originated from HM Signal School, formed in 1917 to co-ordinate work undertaken on the Torpedo School ships HMS *Defiance* and HMS *Vernon*. In 1941 the Signal School became the Admiralty Signal Establishment, concerned, as before, largely with communications. Its work was expanded in 1948 when it was designated the Admiralty Signal and Radar Establishment; in 1959 it was decided that missile technology justified an extension of its scope and it acquired its present title.

This class consists of correspondence, papers and reports of the establishment and its predecessors, together with papers of headquarters scientific divisions. Topics covered include corrosion, ship welding and marine propulsion as well as ship target trials, radar and radio communications.

Pre-1948 reports can also be found in ADM213. ADM220

4.3.1 ENGINEERING

Admiralty Engineering Laboratory: Reports
1920-51 30 volumes

The laboratory was established in 1917 and initially concentrated on the design and development of diesel engines, primarily for submarines. It became an electro-mechanical laboratory in 1920. Control of the laboratory was vested in Director General Ships in 1964, but it became part of the National Gas Turbine Establishment in 1977. The work of the laboratory has expanded to include: performance and endurance testing; development of commercial equipment, in conjunction with industry, to meet specific RN requirements;

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(cont.) continued development of equipment already in service; investigating service defects; testing proprietary components and materials; applied research towards future naval engineering needs.

The reports in this class at present deal with the testing and development of electrical equipment. Pre-1948 reports can also be found in ADM213. ADM227

4.3.2 MINES, TORPEDOES AND ANTI-SUBMARINE DEFENCE

Torpedo and Anti-Submarine School Reports
1881-1956 190 volumes
Annual reports of the School, founded in 1876 after production of torpedoes had begun in 1872. The class also includes other reports and papers relating to the School's work on mines and torpedoes, the development of the motor torpedo boat, magnetic mines, minesweeping, and anti-submarine defences. ADM189

Central Mine Clearance Board: Minesweeping Reports
1946-51 113 files
Reports of clearance of enemy mines from sea areas in northern Europe and the Mediterranean by Belgian, British, Danish, Dutch, German, Greek, Italian and Yugoslav naval forces, forwarded to the Central Mine Clearance Board. See also ADM189, 243. ADM232

Naval Staff Operations Division: Minelaying Operations
1939-45 18 files
Papers giving details of minelaying operations during the Second World War. Further records of these operations are in ADM199 (see section 4 above). ADM243.

Boom Defence Department: Photographs of Equipment
1916-46 26 files
A series of photographs showing the various methods of harbour defence against submarines, torpedoes, mines, and surface vessels. Further photographs illustrating the close protection of HM ships against torpedoes. ADM244

4.4 ARMAMENTS

Upnor Armaments Supply Depot
1736-1909 159 volumes
Entry books of correspondence, accounts, returns of ships' armaments and ordnance stores. ADM160

5. DEFENCE: AIR FORCE

Both the army and the navy became interested in aviation in the early years of this century and the Air Committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence recommended in 1912 the establishment of a Flying Corps operated jointly by the two services. Subsequently, however, the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service developed separately until their unification as the Royal Air Force under the new Air Ministry in 1918. The relationship between the Air Ministry and the Admiralty as regards control of the Fleet Air Arm caused much friction, however, leading eventually to its transfer to the Admiralty in 1937; records relating to the Fleet Air Arm will thus be found in the general classes of Admiralty records listed in section 4 as well as in the classes listed below.

The new ministry also took over responsibility for aircraft production from the Ministry of Munitions and for civil aviation (until 1914 a Home Office responsibility), a responsibility it retained until 1945. Records relating to military and civil aviation have thus to some extent become intermingled, and some records relating to military aviation will be found in section 5.6 of Part II of this Guide.

During the Second World War, responsibility for the supply of munitions and stores for the Royal Air Force passed to the Ministry of Supply (see section 2 above) and responsibility for the design and production of aircraft passed to the new Ministry of Aircraft Production. The former ministry absorbed the latter at the end of the war in 1946. When the Ministry of Supply was reconstituted as the Ministry of Aviation in 1959, responsibility for the supply of equipment to the Royal Air Force, except for the production and supply of aircraft, guided missiles, radar and other electronic equipment, was returned to the Air Ministry.

Section 5 lists classes of records relating to military aviation in general, operations, planning, training and intelligence.

Section 5.1 lists classes dealing with research, development and production of aircraft and their equipment generally; a sub-section deals with repair and maintenance.

Section 5.2 lists classes relating to the development and operation of bombers and their equipment; a sub-section deals with bombing surveys.

Section 5.3 lists classes relating to the development and operation of fighters.

Section 5.4 lists classes relating to the development and operation of balloons and airships.

Section 5.5 lists classes relating to research into rockets and rocket propulsion.

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Air Historical Branch Records: Series I
1862-1959 2690 boxes and files
The Air Historical Branch was formed in 1918 to compile narratives for the Official Air Historian. It was organised into three sections - Records, Operations, and Technical. This class contains papers, mainly from the First World War period, received by the Air Historical Branch from Air Ministry departments and other sources. The papers are indexed under subject headings and include technical papers on aircraft, balloons, bombing, engines, electrical, inventions, signals and wireless, searchlights, and medical services. AIR1

Air Ministry: Correspondence
1887-1980 12309 boxes and files
Files of registered correspondence of the Air Ministry, including earlier files which originated in the War Office, the Admiralty, and the two Air Boards which preceded the Air Ministry. The papers cover the whole range of British air administration and related topics. They are grouped under subject headings conforming to the code system used in the Air Ministry registry and include papers on aircraft, airships, balloons, civil aviation, communications, contracts, engines, experiments and research, fire and explosions, flying, gases, marine, medical, meterological, photography, power, radar and transport.

A large number of papers collected for use in the Official History of the department are excluded from this class, having been kept separate by the Air Historical Branch, and are in AIR1 and AIR5. See also AIR20. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] AIR2

Air Historical Branch Records: Series II
1914-59 1437 files, etc.
These are a continuation of the records in AIR1, consisting mainly of files opened between 1921 and 1930. Registered files opened after 1930 are in AIR2. See also AIR41. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] AIR5

Records of Meetings of the Air Board and Air Council
1916-52 96 volumes
The Air Board was established in 1916 to organise the supply of aircraft. It was abolished in 1918 and its duties transferred

Section 5.6 lists classes relating to the development and operation of signals, radar and navigational equipment.

Section 5.7 lists classes relating to air transport and the transport and delivery of airborne forces and equipment.

Section 5.8 lists classes relating to air/sea warfare and airborne torpedoes.

Section 5.9 lists classes relating to airfields.

It should be noted that, especially in the Second World War, the three armed forces were subject to a large degree of unified control on both operational and supply matters. Information relating to the development and use of aircraft and related equipment will thus be found also in the classes of records listed in sections 1 and 2 above.

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(cont.) to the Air Council, which was responsible, through the Air Ministry, for the administration of the Royal Air Force. This class consists of minutes of the Air Board and the Air Council, and memoranda submitted to the Council. See also AIR8. AIR6

Chief of the Air Staff
1916-63 1744 files, etc.
Records formerly held in the office of the Chief of the Air Staff, who is responsible for all aspects of RAF planning and policy. See also AIR7. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] AIR8

Director of Plans
1914-47 486 files, etc.
Records formerly held in the office of the Director of Plans, who was responsible for air strategy; inter-service policy questions; and the preparation of war plans. The files deal with technical developments in these fields and in aircraft and equipment. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] AIR9

Air Publications
1913-71 5542 volumes and handbooks
Publications and handbooks arranged under subject headings: administrative and training; armament; engineering; navigation; photography; signals; works services; airfield construction; and analogue and digital equipment (no volumes have yet been transferred under this last heading). AIR10

Unregistered Papers
1909-73 7922 folders
The bulk of the class consists of unregistered papers relating to the Second World War and the years before and after it, received from many Air Ministry branches and from the British Bombing Research Mission, the British Bombing Survey Unit and various other commands and units in Britain and overseas. Later papers are classified under subject codes as in AIR2. AIR20

Overseas Commands
1916-66 8572 files and volumes
Records of the administration and operations of the various RAF commands in the Mediterranean, North Africa, the Middle East, India, and the Far East. AIR23

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Operation Record Books

Operation Record Books (Form 540) together with their appendices (Form 541) are a daily record of events kept by all RAF Units. They are grouped in the following classes: AIR24-AIR29

Commands
1920-59 2272 volumes and files AIR24

Groups
1914-62 1537 volumes and files AIR25

Wings
1920-62 598 volumes and files AIR26

Squadrons
1911-67 2578 volumes and files AIR27

Stations
1913-60 1177 volumes and files AIR28

Miscellaneous Units
1912-67 2077 volumes and files AIR29

The units in AIR29 include Instruction Units, Air Ministry Experimental Stations, Maintenance Units, and Reconnaissance and Interpretation Units.

See also AIR54.

Air Training Commands
1939-57 146 files

Files on the history of flying training, the medical organisation and history of Flying Training Command, training for airborne operations, reports and papers of the Empire Air Armament and Navigation School and of Technical Training Command, and reports of the Operational Research Section and Research Branch prepared for the Air Ministry Scientific Adviser. Most of the class is post-1945. AIR32

RAF Inspectorate General
1938-47 27 files

Reports on visits and on aerodrome defence and papers of the Meteorological Services and Meteorological Policy Committees. AIR33

Central Interpretation Unit
1916-52 852 files, etc.

Reports of the Central Interpretation Unit and its predecessors, the Photographic Development Unit and the Photographic Interpretation

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(cont.) Unit of Coastal Command. The Unit was responsible for the interpretation of film taken by photographic reconnaissance aircraft. There are also reports from the Joint Allied Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre and photographs of the Joint School of Photographic Interpretation. Apart from a single album of the First World War period, all the reports are from 1939 and later. AIR34

Allied Expeditionary Air Force and Second Tactical Air Force

1942-61 1453 files and volumes

Records of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force and the Second Tactical Air Force dealing mainly with organisation, planning and operations, but including interpretation reports, operational research and reports on equipment. AIR37

Directorate of Intelligence and Other Intelligence Papers

1926-58 2330 files and volumes

Reports and photographs of allied and enemy aircraft and airfields, details of aircraft fuel systems, records of enemy air activity, target dossiers and reports of operations. The papers emanated from various branches of the Directorate of Intelligence, which was responsible for all types of air intelligence at home and abroad, and from other sources. AIR40

Air Historical Branch: Narratives and Monographs

1942-50 51 files and volumes

Monographs dealing with various aspects of the development of the RAF and narratives of operations, principally in the Second World War. See also AIR2, 5. AIR41

RAF Delegation, Washington

1941-49 53 files

Files relating to the allocation of aircraft and the training of RAF personnel in North America. Further files deal with air-sea rescue techniques and equipment. AIR45

South African Air Force: Operation Record Books (Microfilm Copies)

1937-47 205 microfilms and folders

Operation Record Books of SAAF units serving in Africa and the Mediterranean. See under AIR24-29. AIR54

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British Air Forces of Occupation
1943-53 125 files
Papers relating to the organisation, operations and equipment of the British Air Forces of Occupation (Germany) and the Air Division Allied Commission Austria (British Element). AIR55

Committee of Imperial Defence: Air Committee
1912-14 1 volume
Minutes and papers of the Committee, relating to air defences. CAB14

Photographic Extracts: AIR Group
1917-19 10 folders
Photographs of war damage to houses in Faversham and aerial photographs of units in the Middle East. CN5

5.1 AIRCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION GENERALLY

United States National Defense Research Committee
1941-46 150 files
The Committee was established in 1940 and re-established in 1941 in the Office of Scientific Research to advise and assist the director in the field of scientific research and especially in mobilising scientists. The Office of Scientific Research closed in 1947. The records contain reports and memoranda of various technical committees on subjects related to British research and were received in accordance with wartime agreements for the exchange of scientific and technical information. The major subjects dealt with are bombing and ballistics. AIR52

Directorate of Research: Monthly Reports
1919-25 73 booklets
Printed monthly reports of research into aircraft, airships, balloons, engines, equipment and accessories. Many contain graphs, diagrams, photographs, etc. Reports of December 1920 and later are indexed. AIR60

Ministry of Aircraft Production: Private Office Papers
1940-47 95 files
Papers of ministers and parliamentary secretaries covering the major aspects of the Ministry's work. AVIA9

5.1 AIRCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION GENERALLY

Ministry of Aircraft Production: Unregistered Papers

1931-46 372 files

Papers in this class, although taken from Ministry of Aircraft Production unregistered sources, include pre-war papers raised under the Air Ministry. They include, for example, Sir Robert Watson-Watt's papers on the development of radar devices as well as papers on contracts; production and supply; engines research and development; and armaments. AVIA10

Ministry of Aircraft Production: Files

1925-67 3934 files

Files covering all aspects of the Ministry's work, including such subjects as accidents; aircraft design and development, manufacture and production, and equipment; arms and armament; barrages; bombs and bombing; chemical warfare; contracts and contractors; engines; experimental establishments; factories; fleet air arm aircraft and equipment;inventions and patents; navigational aids and systems; oil and fuel; parachutes; radar; signals and signalling. AVIA15

Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment: Reports

1924-61 1612 reports

The Establishment was set up in 1917 as a special unit to carry out acceptance tests on aircraft and became responsible for testing all new aircraft, their armament and equipment, intended for the fighting services. Reports before 1924 are in AIR1 and AIR5(see section 5). Reports on marine aircraft are in AVIA15. AVIA18

Ministry of Supply Files: Series 7 (Research)

1940-70 1668 files

Files dealing mainly with research into and development of aircraft, their engines and equipment. Later files deal with guided weapons and telecommunications. AVIA54

Ministry Files Transferred to the Air Ministry

1916-23 56 files

Files transferred to the Air Ministry after the demise of the Ministry of Munitions, relating to aircraft production and aeronautical supplies. MUN8

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Department of Aircraft Production: Technical Department Bulletins
1918-20 51 files
Technical information bulletins issued by the department relating to aircraft design. MUN10

Logbooks of Aircraft, etc.
1941-53 2 boxes
Technical logs and other papers relating to the airframes and engines of the Gloster Whittle Jet-Propelled Aircraft E28/39 and the Hawker Aircraft P1072. The technical logs cover the period of trial and experiment, and are not a record of military or training operations. The documents relating to the first aircraft are on loan in the Science Museum, where the aircraft is exhibited. SUPP1

Aircraft Data Sheets and Photographs
1941-45 2 boxes
Photographs and general data sheets of British and American military and naval aircraft. SUPP9

5.1.1 AIRCRAFT REPAIR, MODIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Command
1936-62 46 files
Files relating to the formation, organisation and activities of Maintenance Command, founded in 1938 and responsible for the maintenance, repair and modification of aircraft. AIR17

5.2 BOMBERS

Bomber Command
1935-63 3999 files and volumes
Files of Headquarters Bomber Command and some Groups relating to planning, tactics, crews, equipment, etc. There are many files dealing with the technical development of aircraft and equipment. AIR14

Central Bomber Establishment
1946-49 62 files
Reports on trials of equipment, tactics and aircraft from the Establishment, set up in

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(continued) 1945 to meet the requirements for bomber training and tactics. The Establishment was disbanded in 1949. AIR63

5.2.1 BOMBING SURVEYS

United States Strategic Bombing Survey
1944-47 192 files
The Survey was established to examine the effects of the bombing offensive against Germany and Japan. The class contains various reports on the effects of bombing on particular works in Germany and German occupied territories, general reports on subjects such as morale, medicine and physical damage in Germany and Japan, and reports on the effects of the atomic bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. AIR48

5.3 FIGHTERS

Fighter Command
1925-67 1213 files and volumes
Files of Headquarters Fighter Command dealing with organisation, defence schemes, trials of equipment and training. [Some files are closed for 50 years.] AIR16

Central Fighter Establishment
1944-50 166 files
Reports on trials of new types of aircraft and equipment, tests of aircraft in new roles, etc., produced by the Establishment, set up in 1945 to increase the efficiency of fighter aircraft and crew. The Establishment was disbanded in 1962. AIR64

5.4 BALLOONS AND AIRSHIPS

Royal Airship Works, Cardington: Correspondence and Papers
1911-39 255 volumes and files
Papers, plans and photographs from the works relating to rigid and non-rigid airships and balloons. AIR11

Royal Airship Works, Cardington: Airship and Engine Drawings
1910-31 319 pieces
Drawings of airships and their engines. See also AIR11. AIR12

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Balloon Command
1938-45 149 files
Files relating to the organisation, barrages, equipment, and operations of Balloon Command. AIR13

5.5 ROCKETS

Rocket Propulsion Establishment: German Drawings
1939-46 5529 drawings
Prints of original German drawings seized by allied agencies at the end of the Second World War relating to various projects at German research establishments. These include the A4 rocket, popularly known as the V2, but the sets for each project are not complete. AVIA40

Rocket Propulsion Establishment: Technical Reports
1940-46 398 folders
Reports from one of the predecessors of the Establishment, the Projectile Development Establishment, on the initial development work during the Second World War on rocket projectiles. AVIA41

Rocket Propulsion Establishment: Files
1944-60 129 files
Files relating to research on rocket propellants and guided missiles carried out by the Establishment and its predecessor, the Guided Projectile Establishment. AVIA48

Rocket Propulsion Establishment: Thermodynamic Charts
1947-50 1 folder
Twenty enthalpy charts showing heat transfer of rocket engines; they were widely used until superseded by computer methods. AVIA59

5.6 SIGNALS, RADAR AND NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Headquarters No.90 (Signals) Group: Technical Drawings
1934-52 61 drawings
The Group was formed in 1946 and assumed responsibilities, formerly undertaken by several directorates of the Air Ministry, for radio engineering, the development of

(cont.) electronic warfare equipment, telecommunications and calibration, and the operation of navigational aids. This class includes drawings of transmitting and receiving stations, aerial systems and various parts of telecommunications equipment. AIR56

Headquarters No.90 (Signals) Group: Papers
1949-55 58 files and folders
Papers relating to navigational equipment, telecommunications and electronic warfare equipment. AIR68

Royal Radar Establishment: Files
1917-61 3693 files
The Establishment was formed in 1953 by the merger of the Radar Research and Development Establishment (RRDE) and the Telecommunications Research Establishment (TRE). RRDE's originated from the Experimental Section, Royal Engineers, which with its successors, the Searchlight Experimental Establishment and the Air Defence Experimental Establishment, was concerned with acoustic devices and searchlights. From 1936 it collaborated with Air Ministry scientists in the development of radar for control of anti-aircraft guns and coastal defence. TRE grew out of a team of scientists set up in 1935-36 by the Air Ministry to conduct experiments and develop the potential of radar.

The files were created by the Establishment and its predecessors and cover all aspects of their work. AVIA7

Air Defence Experimental Establishment: Reports
1925-36 45 reports
Reports on gun sound ranging acoustic devices and searchlights. The Establishment's files are in AVIA7. AVIA17

Royal Radar Establishment: Reports and Memoranda
1940-54 1902 files
Technical reports and notes and memoranda from the Telecommunications Research Establishment, the Air Defence Research and Development Establishment and the Radar Research and Development Establishment, the predecessors of the Royal Radar Establishment, on the development of radar. AVIA26

5.6 SIGNALS, RADAR AND NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Royal Radar Establishment: Journals
1944-52 36 volumes
Journals containing articles of technical and general interest circulated to members of the Establishment and other interested people. AVIA36

Sub-Committee for Investigation of German Electronics and Signals Organisation
1945-46 86 files
Reports of the Sub-committee which was set up in 1944 to investigate German work on radar, communications and electronics. AVIA39

Signals Research and Development Establishment: Unregistered Papers
1941-56 23 folders
Papers from the Establishment relating to research on magnetic fields, magnetic fuses and signalling equipment. AVIA61

5.7 AIR TRANSPORT AND AIRBORNE FORCES

Ferry and Transport Commands
1940-55 366 volumes and files
Records of Ferry and Transport Commands dealing with organisation, operations and equipment. AIR38

Army Co-operation Command
1939-45 147 files and volumes
Files relating to organisation, operations and equipment of Army Co-operation Command, dealing principally with airborne forces. AIR39

Joint Air Transport Establishment: Reports
1944-55 302 folders
The Joint Air Transport Establishment was formed in 1968 to control the organisations which shared responsibility for the air transport requirements of both Army and Air Force. This class consists of a selection of reports of the Army Airborne Transport Development Centre, the Army Air Transport Training and Development Centre, Transport Command Development Unit and the Air Transport Development Flight. Most of the reports concern technical trials of a wide range of equipment and operations, notably on the dropping of equipment by parachute. AIR66

5.7 AIR TRANSPORT AND AIRBORNE FORCES

Joint Air Transport Establishment: Drawings
1944-59 31 folders
Drawings of the equipment used by the Establishment noted under AIR66. Very few of the drawings produced in the formative years of air transport development appear to have survived. AIR67

Airborne Forces Experimental Establishment: Reports
1941-50 364 folders
Reports on research into and development of the transport and delivery of airborne forces and their equipment. Topics covered include gliders, parachutes, towing aircraft, helicopters and miscellaneous equipment. AVIA21

War Office: Directorate of Air: Papers
1941-48 61 files
Papers concerning air support for Army operations, the training of parachutists and glider pilots, liaison with the Royal Air Force, and related arms, ammunition, equipment and stores. WO233

5.8 AIR/SEA WARFARE AND TORPEDOES

Coastal Command
1930-64 840 files
Files relating to organisation, planning, exercises, tactics, protection of shipping, and equipment. AIR15

Air/Sea Warfare Development Unit: Reports
1942-50 313 folders
Reports on trials of weapons, equipment and tactics on behalf of both RAF commands concerned with maritime warfare and naval air forces. See also AIR29/771-72, 913-36 (see section 5 above). AIR65

Aircraft Torpedo Development Unit: Reports
1933-47 152 files
Reports of the work of the Unit established by the Air Ministry after the end of the First World War to develop flight-in-air materials for torpedoes, mines and pyrotechnics, and the related aircraft installations. Since 1942 the Unit has worked for the Royal Navy as well as the Royal Air Force. See also ADM189, 220 (sections 4.3 and 4.3.2 above). AVIA16

5.8 AIR/SEA WARFARE AND TORPEDOES

Aircraft Torpedo Development Unit: Files
1932-56 6[illegible] files
Files on th[illegible] development of aerial torpedoes, mines and pyrotechnics, and their means of carriage in and delivery from aircraft. AVIA32

5.9 AIRFIELDS

Director of Works: Photographs
1914-32 10 volumes
Photographs of airship sheds, aircraft hangers and seaplane bases, in various stages of construction. The work was originally the responsibility of the Admiralty's Directorate of Works but passed to the Air Ministry's Directorate of Works and Buildings when the Royal Naval Air Service was merged with the Royal Air Force. Responsibility passed to the Ministry of Public Building and Works in 1962. AIR59

Maps and Plans: Air Force Establishments
1914-40 24 documents
Plans of airfields, aircraft sheds and workshops. WORK44

6. DEFENCE: MEDICAL SERVICES

All three armed forces have developed medical services for the men and women under their control, and have been responsible for notable programmes of medical research. The classes of records listed in this section relate specifically to medical services, but further records relating to those services will be found in the general classes of records listed in sections 3-5 above.

6. MEDICAL SERVICES GENERALLY

1914 to 1918 War: Representative Medical Records
1912-21 2389 volumes, etc.
A representative selection of several types of medical records from several theatres of war; they include admission and discharge registers from hospitals and casualty clearing stations, field ambulances, an ambulance train and a hospital ship; and medical sheets and cards relating to individuals. These records are a selection of those used for the study published by TJ Mitchell and GM Smith, Medical Services: Casualties and Medical Statistics of the Great War (HMSO, 1931). MH106

Pre-National Service Medical Records
Records not yet received in PRO. MH114

6.1 ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES

Directorate of Medical Services: Reports, Returns and Summaries
1921-35 47 volumes
Annual statistical returns of admissions to hospital, deaths, discharges, and periods of treatment; and annual reports on the health of troops, the prevalence of disease and work of military hospitals. WO115

War of 1939 to 1945: Medical Historian Papers
1914-49 2133 files
Papers collected for use in compiling the Army contribution to the UK Medical series of the History of the Second World War. They deal with both administrative and clinical matters and give an account of the activities of individual medical units in all theatres of operations. WO222

Advisory Board for Army Medical Services: Minutes and Reports
1902-14 10 volumes
Minutes of the Board, established in 1902 to keep Army medical services in touch with civilian developments and to ensure that proper standards were maintained. No records for 1915-40 have survived; minutes for 1941-49 are in WO32/9789 (see section 3 above). WO243

DEFENCE

6.1.1 PATHOLOGY

Directorate of Army Medical Services: Army Pathology Advisory Committee
1919-54 7 volumes
Minutes of the Committee, formed in 1919 to advise on matters connected with pathology and allied subjects in the Army, and of the sub-committees on immunology and anti-typhoid. WO206

6.1.2 PSYCHIATRY

Directorate of Army Psychiatry: Reports
1944-45 6 files
Reports upon the psychological effects of war upon troops and on the psychological basis of enemy morale. WO241

6.2 NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical Departments: In-Letters
1702-1862 259 volumes, etc.
Letters from the Admiralty and the Navy Board to the Sick and Hurt Board, the Physician General of the Navy and the Director General of the Medical Department, established in 1843. There are also letters from medical officers at home and abroad, from surgeons, and from hospital ships, and letters relating to prisoners of war. Registers and indexes of the letters from 1832 are in ADM132-33, but many of the letters registered have now been weeded. ADM97

Medical Departments: Out-Letters
1742-1833 335 volumes
Entry books of letters sent from the Sick and Hurt Board to the Admiralty, naval officers and other public offices. ADM98

Medical Department: Minutes
1698-1816 281 volumes, etc.
These consist of a journal of proceedings, 1698-1704; general minutes, 1702-1813; prisoners of war, 1796-1816; Admiralty business, 1796-1800; and foreign service, 1796-99. ADM99

Medical Journals
1785-1880 293 bundles and volumes
Journals of ships' surgeons on convict ships, 1817-53 (continued in MT32), emigrant ships,

6.2 NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICES

(cont.) 1815-83; selected HM ships and stations, 1785-1880. ADM101

Medical Departments: Miscellanea
1696-1890 77 volumes, etc.
Reports of medical officers, inspectors of hospitals, etc., mostly of the early nineteenth century. Reports and papers of Sir William Burnett, Physician-General of the Navy, 1832-44. ADM105

Medical Departments: Register of Letters Received
1832-62 31 volumes
Registers of the letters in ADM97. ADM132

Medical Departments: Digest and Index of Letters Received
1832-62 31 volumes
Subject and nominal indexes to the letters in ADM97. They refer to the number in the registers in ADM132. ADM133

6.3 AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICES

War of 1939 to 1945: History of RAF Medical Services: Narratives and Drafts
1919-51 408 files
Papers used in compiling the United Kingdom Medical Series of the Official History of the Second World War, including reports and papers from various units and from hospitals and medical receiving stations. AIR49

Director General of Medical Services: Flying Personnel Research Committee
1938-55 23 folders
An incomplete set of reports and memoranda of the Committee, established in 1939 to advise on factors causing operational inefficiency in aircrew or impairing their chances of safety in an emergency. AIR57

Director General of Medical Services: Institute of Aviation Medicine
1942-45 1 folder
Reports from the USA Committee on Aviation Medicine sent to the RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine and its predecessor, the RAF Physiological Laboratory. AIR58

7. DEFENCE: CIVIL DEFENCE AND AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

Preparations for civil defence, notably against air raids, began to be organised from 1924 by the Air Raid Precautions Committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence, and in 1939 the Ministry of Home Security was formed out of the Air Raid Precautions Department of the Home Office. The main functions of the ministry related to local authority civil defence services, the provision of shelters, the supply of air raid precautions equipment, research and experimental work and the co-ordination and supervision of a regional organisation. The ministry was dissolved in 1945 and its functions passed to the Home Office (see Part II section 1.1).

7. CIVIL DEFENCE AND AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

Committee of Imperial Defence: Air Raid Precautions Committees
1924-39 32 volumes
Records of the committees dealing with policy and the organisation of precautions against air raids, including such matters as evacuation, shelters and respirators. CAB46

War Cabinet: Committees on Civil Defence
1939-45 23 volumes
Records of various committees dealing with civil defence and such matters as evacuation, blackout, camouflage, and anti-gas precautions. CAB73

Ministry of Home Security: Air Raid Precautions
1931-57 2827 files
Files from the Ministry of Home Security relating to the planning and administration of air raid precautions, including shelters, equipment and stores; casualty and first aid services; bombs; damage, reconstruction and salvage; fire; gas; and lighting. For regional files see HO207. HO186

Ministry of Home Security: Research and Experiments Department: Unregistered Papers
1925-50 215 files
Papers and reports on matters relating to air attacks on the United Kingdom, including reports on camouflage, casualties, damage, fires, and shelters. See also HO192, 196. HO191

Ministry of Home Security: Research and Experiments Department: Registered Papers
1939-48 1702 files
Papers, maps, plans, and photographs relating to observation of and research into allied and enemy bombs; bombing methods and effects; fire prevention; and air raid damage. The class also includes minutes and papers of the War Damage (Earth Movements) Main Committee and the Air Ministry Incendiary Panel. See also HO191, 196. HO192

Ministry of Home Security: Research and Experiments Department: Civil Defence Research Committee
1939-46 59 volumes
Minutes, papers, and reports of the Committee relating to civil defence research and intelligence and to weapon effects of allied and German armaments. HO195

7. CIVIL DEFENCE AND AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

Ministry of Home Security: Research and Experiments Department: Notes
1939-50 41 folders
Papers relating to scientific research, intelligence and development of bombs; bombing methods and effects; fire prevention; and air raid damage. HO196

Ministry of Home Security: Research and Experiments Department: Bomb Census Papers
1939-45 257 papers and volumes
Papers and analyses of the bomb census organisation to study the effects of air raids and the tactics and methods used by the enemy. HO198

Ministry of Home Security: Intelligence Branch: Registered Files
1939-50 504 files
Papers relating to the collection, collation, and distribution of information about air raids, damage, fires, etc. [Some files are closed for 50 or 75 years.] HO199

Ministry of Home Security: Key Points Intelligence Directorate
1939-48 42 volumes and files
Reports with details of air raid damage to factories, public utilities, service establishments and other locations and buildings of national importance. Further papers contain general assessments and reviews of the effects of enemy attack on key points and of various defence measures. [Some papers are closed for 75 years.] HO201

Home Office and Ministry of Home Security: Civil Defence Regions: Headquarters and Regional Files
1935-57 1187 files
Files from regional offices relating to the co-ordination of civil defence and related services. Subjects covered include air raids and air raid precautions; damage, reconstruction and salvage; fire; equipment and stores; gas; and shelters. HO207

Home Office and Ministry of Home Security: Air Raid Precautions and Home Security Circulars
1939-45 7 volumes
Circulars issued to chief constables and clerks of local authorities relating to air raid precautions and home security. HO208

7. CIVIL DEFENCE AND AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

Ministry of Home Security: Fire Services, London Region
1939-45 14 files
Files relating to London fire services and the supply of water for fire fighting. HO209

Ministry of Home Security: Research and Experiments Department: Factory Passive Air Defence Committee
1941-44 5 folders
Papers of the Committee relating to attempts to minimise the effects of German bombing on factories.. HO210

Ministry of Home Security: Research and Experiments Department: Experiments Assessment Committee
1939-43 4 files
Papers relating to the consideration and interpretation of the results of tests carried out by or for the Department. HO212

Ministry of Home Security: Research and Experiments Department: Miscellaneous Committees
1937-44 28 files
Papers of the Joint Committee on Aerodrome Research, relating to methods of aerodrome camouflage; of the Building Technical Advisory Committee relating to structural air raid precautions and building for civil defence; of the Heating and Ventilating of Shelters Committee; of the Incendiary Bombs Committee, relating to defence against and the offensive use of incendiary bombs; of the Co-ordinating Committee on Shock-Waves; of the Joint Lighting Committee, relating to air raid precautions lighting problems; of the Loud Noise Air Raid Warning Signals Committee, relating to the use of sound-making devices for air raid warnings; of the Technical Intelligence Committee; and of the Higher Explosives Committee, relating to high blast explosives. HO216

Ministry of Home Security: Research and Experiments Department: Camouflage Committee
1940-43 10 files
Papers relating to camouflage policy and technical matters related to camouflage. HO217

7.1 STRUCTURAL PRECAUTIONS AND SHELTERS

Ministry of Home Security: Chief Engineer's Department: Registered Files
1939-50 50 files
Papers relating to air raid protection measures, particularly the provision of shelters, and reports of bomb damage. HO197

Ministry of Home Security: Tube Shelter Committee: Registered Files
1939-48 10 files
Papers relating to the provision of shelters in the tube tunnels of the London underground. HO200

Ministry of Home Security: "O" Division: Correspondence and Papers
1934-56 385 files
Papers dealing with matters relating to the provision of air raid shelters. HO205

Ministry of Home Security: Regional Technical Adviser's and Regional Works Adviser's Registered Files
1939-50 16 pieces
Files relating to air raid shelter provision and engineering works in London. HO206

Ministry of Home Security: Research and Experiments Department: Committee on Structural Precautions against Air Attack
1936-39 6 files
Papers relating to investigations into the likely nature of material damage from air attack and appropriate countermeasures. HO211

Air Raid Precautions and Civil Defence
1935-51 36 boxes and files
Papers relating to the construction of shelters for government offices and the public, structural precautions in public buildings, lighting restrictions and other matters relating to civil defence. List of pieces 1-35 published by the List and Index Society, vol.79. WORK28

IV OVERSEAS

1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Records of British relations with foreign countries include a large quantity of information about scientific and technical developments overseas, but there are no classes of records consisting exclusively or even principally of such material. The records fall into five main groups:

(a) The major series of records before 1906 are arranged by country: up to 1782, when the Foreign Office was founded, in State Papers (SP) classes and thereafter in Foreign Office classes. They contain scientific and technical information only incidentally and have been excluded from this guide.

(b) From 1906 there is a single general series of political correspondence covering all countries with additional general series of commercial (until 1920) information, consular and treaty correspondence. Annual indexes to these series of correspondence have been published by the Kraus-Thomson Organisation;scientific and technical information in them is thus readily traceable and they have been included in this guide.

(c) Important papers received in the Foreign Office were printed for internal circulation within the Office. Classes of 'Confidential Print' papers are arranged mostly by country and with one exception (see section 1.2) have been excluded from this guide.

(d) Archives of British embassies and legations are excluded from this guide.

(e) Miscellaneous series of records relating to temporary functions of the Foreign Office and private collections of papers of ministers and officials have been included in this guide where likely to contain substantial quantities of scientific and technical material. The most notable instances are some series of records of the Control Office for Germany, established after the Second World War.

This section also includes records of the British Council relating to its technical co-operation and education programmes.

Section 1 lists classes relating to foreign affairs in general. Sub-sections deal with records relating to the Paris Exhibition, 1900, including scientific and technical exhibits (1.1), with overseas sanitation (1.2); with economic and industrial planning in Germany after the Second World War (1.3); and with technical co-operation and education programmes (1.4).

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: GENERAL

General Correspondence after 1906: Consular
1906-51 4783 volumes
Correspondence and papers relating to consular matters. FO369

General Correspondence after 1906: Library
1906-51 2194 volumes and files
Correspondence and papers of the Foreign Office Library. FO370

General Correspondence after 1906: Political
1906-51 96641 volumes and files
Correspondence and papers of the political departments of the Foreign Office covering all aspects of foreign relations. Indexes from 1920 have been published by the Kraus-Thomson Organisation. [Some papers are closed for 50 or 75 years.] FO371

General Correspondence after 1906: Treaty
1906-51 7131 volumes and files
Correspondence and papers dealing with treaties and related matters. FO372

General Correspondence after 1906: News
1916-39 666 volumes
Correspondence and papers relating to the collection of information from foreign newspapers, the dissemination of such information and publicity and news services overseas. [Some papers are closed for 50 or 75 years.] FO395

Confidential Print: General Affairs
1942-56 13 volumes
Correspondence relating to economic and financial questions, fishing limits, telecommunications and other general matters. [Some items are closed for 50 years.] FO475

1.1 PARIS EXHIBITION 1900

Archives of Paris Exhibition Commission (1900)
1897-1901 7 boxes
Papers relating to the organisation

1.1 PARIS EXHIBITION 1900

(continued) of the exhibition and minutes of committees dealing with the various classes of industrial, commercial, scientific and artistic exhibits. FO311

1.2 SANITARY REFORM

Confidential Print: Eastern Sanitary Reforms
1899-1914 16 volumes
Papers relating to sanitation in countries in the Middle East and Mediterranean, sanitary conferences and missions, outbreaks of plague, etc. FO542

1.3 GERMAN ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL PLANNING

Control Office: Economic and Industrial Planning Staff
1943-47 550 files
Files relating to economic and industrial planning and control in Germany after the Second World War. [Some files are retained by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.] FO942

Control Office: Economic
1943-55 933 files
Files relating to economic controls in Germany after the Second World War. FO943

1.4 TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AND EDUCATION

British Council Files
The British Council was established in 1934 to develop closer cultural relations between the United Kingdom and other countries. It also administers technical co-operation programmes for education and vocational training in developing countries. Its files are organised in 89 classes, mainly by country. Many of these classes contain material relating to

1.4 TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AND EDUCATION

(continued) medical, scientific and technical matters within the Council's terms of reference, notably relating to education and training. The classes are not listed individually, but in particular, note: BW1-BW89

Secretariat: Science Advisory Committee: Minutes
1941-49 2 volumes BW81

2. COLONIAL AFFAIRS

The Colonial Office and Its Predecessors

Responsibility for Britain's colonies was shared, until 1782, between the Privy Council and the Secretaries of State. The Council exercised its authority through a body called the Lords of Trade and Plantations, usually known as the Board of Trade. When the Board was abolished in 1782, responsibility for the colonies passed first to the Home Office and then to the War Office before a separate Colonial Office developed in the early nineteenth century. Detailed information about the Colonial Office and its records is contained in the Public Record Office handbook, The Records of the Colonial and Dominions Offices (HMSO, 1964).

The records of the Colonial Office and its predecessors have been brought together in the CO group and fall into three main categories:

(a) The earliest papers up to 1688 are in the class CO1 and have been calendared in the published Calendar of State Papers Colonial. Eighteenth century papers relating to colonies on the American mainland are in the class CO5 and have been calendared down to 1738. These two classes have not been included in the following list.

(b) The bulk of the papers (about 800 classes) are arranged by individual colony, in a number of distinct classes including: original correspondence sent to the Colonial Office relating to the colony; registers and entry books of that correspondence; sessional papers (which include reports on a wide variety of subjects); and miscellanea (which usually consist of statistical reports or "blue books"). These classes, like those in the first category, have not been included in the following list; although some do contain scientific and technical information, their content is overwhelmingly administrative. As indicated above, however, classes of miscellanea (which are open immediately) often contain statistical material.

(c) From the beginning of this century an increasing number of papers was arranged not by colony but by subject. These developed from the "Colonies General" classes which included papers relating to more than one colony. General and subject classes which include material of a scientific or technical nature have been included in the following list, along with the records of various research institutes and advisory committees set up to advise the Colonial Office on technical aspects of colonial development.

The Dominions Office and Commonwealth Relations Office

From the beginning of this century Australia, Canada, Ireland, Newfoundland, New Zealand and South Africa began to be dealt with separately from other colonies, and in 1925 a separate Dominions Office was formed to deal with "the autonomous communities within the British Empire". In 1947, when it became responsible for relations with India and Pakistan, the Dominions Office was renamed the Commonwealth Relations Office. It later became responsible for relations with all independent Commonwealth countries.

Correspondence relating to the Dominions in general from 1907 to 1925 is in the class CO532; thereafter it is in the class DO35. Both classes have been included in the following list. For many dominions and former colonies there are in addition classes of sessional papers and miscellanea which are open immediately. These classes, like their predecessors in Colonial Office classes, have not been included.

Crown Agents

The Crown Agents, first appointed in the nineteenth century, now act for both colonies and for independent governments and other overseas bodies in such matters as the purchase, inspection and shipping of stores and equipment and the making of contracts for engineering works.

Section 2 lists classes relating to the colonies and dominions in general and with the co-ordination and supervision of colonial research in general.

Section 2.1 lists classes relating to the economic development of the colonies and to research into colonial agricultural, mineral and industrial products in general. Sub-sections deal with agriculture and tropical products, including anti-locust research (2.1.1); with fisheries (2.1.2); with geology and minerals (2.1.3); with irrigation research and inland waterways (2.1.4); with railways (2.1.5); and with the supply of stores and equipment and with engineering contracts made by Crown Agents (2.1.6).

Section 2.2 lists classes of records relating to social affairs, education and health in the colonies and research relating to these matters. Sub-sections deal with police and criminal matters (2.2.1); with education and training (2.2.2); and with medical services and medical research (2.2.3).

Section 2.3 lists classes of records relating to colonial defence and military forces. For further records on colonial defence see Part A of this guide.

Section 2.4 lists classes of records relating to colonial communications and broadcasting. Related classes of records are in Part B, section 5.6.

2. COLONIAL AFFAIRS: GENERAL

Colonies General: Original Correspondence
1689-1952 1930 volumes and files
Correspondence and files on a wide variety of subjects affecting more than one colony. Entry books of the correspondence are in CO324 and 381. Registers are in CO326, 378 and 432. [Some papers are closed for 50 or 100 years.] CO323

Colonial Statistical Tables: Command Papers
1835-1912 63 volumes
Statistics collected by the Board of Trade relating to United Kingdom trade with overseas territories and the revenue, population and commerce of the United Kingdom and the colonies. CO442

Dominions Original Correspondence
1907-25 335 volumes
Correspondence relating to Australia, Canada, the Irish Free State, Newfoundland, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa, continuing the individual colony classes. For registers see CO708. From 1925 see DO35. CO532

Colonies General Supplementary Original Correspondence
1759-1955 7862 volumes and files
Papers originally withheld from the various colony and subject classes but now declassified. Registers of secret correspondence are in the class CO694. CO537

Colonial Research Council
1943-59 16 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Council, established in 1948 to replace the Colonial Research Committee. Its main function was to co-ordinate the work of the various committees which dealt with special aspects of research. CO900

Research Department: Original Correspondence
1944-52 203 boxes and files
Papers of the Research Department, which was responsible for

2. COLONIAL AFFAIRS: GENERAL

(continued) administering and co-ordinating the research work of the Colonial Office and the various research and advisory councils. Registers of the papers are in CO975. CO927

Dominions Original Correspondence
1926-59 4228 files and volumes
Correspondence relating to the affairs of all the self-governing dominions, covering a very wide range of subjects including some, such as transport and communications, trade, and defence, with scientific and technical questions involved. Registers of the correspondence are in the class DO3. [Some files are closed for 50 or 100 years.] DO35

Confidential Print: Dominions
1924-51 119 volumes
Items of general correspondence which were printed for internal circulation in the Dominions Office. [Some items are closed for 50 or 100 years.] DO114

Dominions Supplementary Original Correspondence
1926-29 189 files
Files originally held back owing to their security classification but now released to form a supplementary class to DO35. The registers in DO3 refer to both classes. DO117

2.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COLONIAL PRODUCTS RESEARCH: GENERAL

Empire Marketing Board: Original Correspondence
1922-34 107 boxes
Papers relating to the promotion and marketing of colonial products and to research into colonial agricultural and mineral products. A card index to the papers is in the class CO759. CO758

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2.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COLONIAL PRODUCTS RESEARCH: GENERAL

Empire Marketing Board: Minutes and Papers
1926-33 39 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Board, including some relating to research into colonial products. CO760

Economic Original Correspondence
1935-52 1364 volumes
Papers relating to the economic state and development of the colonies. Subjects covered include taxation, finance, supplies, industrial development, and agriculture and industrial production. Registers of the correspondence are in CO920. CO852

Colonial Economic Research Committee
1947-61 8 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committee, appointed in 1947, to advise on matters relating to economic research and statistics. CO898

Colonial Products Research Council
1943-59 6 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Council, created in 1941 to advise on colonial raw materials likely to be of value to industry, to initiate and supervise research on such materials, and to consider how greater use could be made of them. The Council worked in collaboration with other bodies such as the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, the Medical Research Council and the Agricultural Research Council. CO899

Colonial Development Advisory Committee
1929-40 3 volumes
Minutes of meetings of the Committee, appointed in 1929 to consider and report on applications for assistance from the Colonial Development Fund for schemes of industrial and agricultural development in the colonies. CO970

2.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COLONIAL PRODUCTS RESEARCH: GENERAL

Colonial Economic Advisory Committee: Minutes and Papers
1943-46 19 folders
Minutes and papers of the Committee, appointed in 1943 to advise on all matters relating to economic development. CO990

Colonial Economic and Development Council: Minutes and Papers
1946-48 5 folders
Minutes and papers of the Council appointed in 1946 to advise on the framing and review of plans for economic and social development and on general economic and financial policy. CO999

Colonial Primary Products Committee: Minutes and Papers
1947-49 8 folders
Minutes and papers of the Committee, which advised on the use and exploitation of primary products. CO1002

2.1.1 AGRICULTURE AND TROPICAL PRODUCTS

Tropical Products Institute: Committee Papers
1916-78 347 files
Records of, or relating to, various advisory and consultative committees of the Plant and Animal Products Department of the Imperial Institute and of the Tropical Products Institute which replaced it in 1958. The committees oversaw the institutes' investigations into the properties and composition of animal and plant products in the British colonies, aimed at the improvement of methods of production, marketing and quality and the control of insect pests. AY3

Tropical Products Institute: Registered Files
1895-1969 2501 files
Registered files of the institutes described under AY3. Particular topics covered include alcohol, cotton, drugs, fibres, foodstuffs, gums and resins, leather, oils, fats,

(continued) and waxes, papermaking, pests and diseases, poisonous plants, rubber, silk, tans and dyes, timber, and tobacco, as well as more general files on tropical products and agriculture. AY4

Anti-Locust Research Centre: Correspondence and Papers
1928-50 66 files
Records of the Centre and its predecessors, the Locust Sub-Committee of the Committee on Civil Research and the Committee on Locust Research. The records relate to research into the various types of locust, habitat, breeding centres, methods of control, etc., and also to the dissemination of information about potential swarms, weather conditions affecting breeding, etc. See also AY20. AY11

Tropical Products Institute: Colonial Development Corporation Agricultural Projects
1954-58 8 files
Files relating to the Colonial Development Corporation Agricultural Projects Panel of Scientific Advisers. AY12

Tropical Products Institute: Annual Reports
1959-72 11 pamphlets
Annual reports dating from 1959, when the Institute came under the control of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. [Records open immediately.] AY13

Tropical Products Research Institute: Reports, G Series
1964-72 73 pamphlets
Reports from the Institute's G Series covering aspects of production, marketing and storage of tropical plants, vegetables, fruits, woods and their by-products. [Records open immediately.] AY14

Tropical Products Institute: Reports, L Series
1965-73 30 pamphlets
Reports from the Institute's

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(continued) L Series dealing mainly with the pulping characteristics of tropical timbers. [Records open immediately.] AY15

Tropical Products Institute: Information Bulletins and Digests
1966-72 26 booklets
Series of booklets produced by the Institute to provide information on tropical products, including Oil Palm News and Tropical Stored Products Information. [Records open immediately.] AY19

Anti-Locust Research Centre: Uvarov Diaries and Papers
1908-71 22 files, volumes and maps
A small selection of private papers of Sir Boris Uvarov (1888-1970), who was director of the Centre from 1945 to 1959, including diaries of his travels and correspondence and papers relating to his career, travels and writings. There is also some posthumously collected biographical material. See also AY11. AY20

West Indies: Imperial Department of Agriculture
1899-1923 18 volumes
Reports of the Department, established in 1898 to research and experiment in tropical crops, especially sugar cane. CO617

Colonial Agriculture, Animal Health and Forestry Research Committee
1944-61 42 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committee, appointed in 1945 to advise on general research policy for agriculture, animal health and forestry, to review the course of research in these fields and to advise on the applications of such research. The records of the Advisory Council to which the Committee reported are in CO996. CO908

2.1.1 AGRICULTURE AND TROPICAL PRODUCTS

Colonial Pesticides Research Committee
1943-61 26 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committee, established in 1947 as the Colonial Insecticides Committee. From 1949 its terms of reference were extended to include fungicides and herbicides. Its functions were to advise on the use of pesticides; to examine and advise on research projects, to initiate research and to co-ordinate the use of pesticides. CO911

Colonial Advisory Council of Agriculture, Animal Health and Forestry: Minutes and Papers
1943-51 15 folders
Minutes and papers of the Committee appointed in 1943 to advise on general policy and development in agriculture, animal health and forestry; to review arrangements for disseminating information; and to advise on recruitment, training and employment of agricultural, veterinary and forestry officials. It received advice on research from a research committee (see CO908). CO996

2.1.2 FISHERIES

Colonial Fisheries Advisory Committee
1943-61 5 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committee, appointed in 1943 to advise on problems concerning marine and freshwater fisheries. CO910

2.1.3 GEOLOGY AND MINERALS

Advisory Committee on Overseas Geology and Mineral Resources
1949-61 4 folders
Minutes and papers of the Committee, appointed in 1949 to advise on matters relating to the geological survey of the colonies and the investigation of their mineral resources. CO1001

2.1.4 IRRIGATION AND INLAND WATERWAYS

Hydraulics Research Station:
Sir Claude Inglis Collection
1893-1954 64 files, volumes and maps
Private papers of Sir Claude Inglis, first director of the Station, relating to his work from 1916 to 1945 in irrigation research and development in India, both in the Irrigation Branch of the Public Works Department in Bombay and as director of the Indian Waterways Experimental Station at Poona. AY10

2.1.5 RAILWAYS

South African Railways:
Original Correspondence
1902-03 7 volumes
Correspondence relating to railways in South Africa. Registers of the papers are in CO636. CO528

Uganda Railway Construction
1895-1904 14 volumes
Papers relating to the construction of Uganda railways. Registers of the papers are in CO615. CO614

Nigeria Railway
1912-22 2 volumes
Papers relating to Nigerian railways. CO741

2.1.6 STORES PURCHASING AND ENGINEERING

Stores Purchasing Departments:
Representative Papers
1925-56 6 files
Papers relating to the purchase of plant and equipment; and papers of the Civil and Mechanical Engineering Advisory Service. CAOG5

Bulletins
1928-32 8 volumes
Volumes printed to provide information to the governments for which the Crown Agents act, especially on engineering questions. CAOG6

2.1.6 STORES PURCHASING AND ENGINEERING

Annual Reports of the Crown Agents
1963-79 17 volumes and booklet
Reports containing information about accounts, buying, charges, engineering work, etc. The reports from 1900 to 1962 are available in the archives of the Crown Agents, 4 Millbank, London SW1. [Records open immediately.] CAOG7

Quarterly Reviews and Occasional Papers
1976-81 19 booklets
Reviews and papers published to disseminate information about the Crown Agents' work, including technical and engineering services. [Records open immediately.] CAOG8

2.2 SOCIAL AFFAIRS, EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Social Services Original Correspondence
1939-52 246 boxes and files
Papers relating to education, social welfare, penal administration, community development, labour questions, social insurance, medicine, public health and nutrition. Registers of the papers are in CO965. CO859

Colonial Labour Advisory Committee
1931-61 11 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committee, established in 1942, and of its predecessor, the Colonial Labour Committee, relating to the supply and training of labour, wages and industrial relations. CO888

Colonial Social Science Research Council
1944-61 40 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Council, established in 1944 to advise on matters relating to research in the social sciences, including the organisation of such research in the colonies, the scrutiny of research projects and the initiation of programmes of research. The class includes papers of standing committees on anthropology and sociology; history and administration; law; linguistics; and training.

2.2 SOCIAL AFFAIRS, EDUCATION AND HEALTH

African Studies Branch: Original Correspondence
1950-51 3 boxes
Papers of the Branch, which was responsible for African local administration, land tenure, native law and courts, and sociological research into administrative problems. CO955

Colonial Land Tenure Advisory Panel: Minutes and Papers
1945-52 6 folders
Minutes and papers of the Panel, constituted in 1945 as a body which could advise on investigation and research into questions of land tenure. CO993

Colonial Social Welfare Advisory Committee: Minutes and Papers
1945-52 17 folders
Minutes and papers of the Committee, appointed in 1943 to advise on problems affecting the social welfare of rural and urban communities and on the training of social welfare workers. CO997

Colonial Housing Research Group: Minutes and Papers
1944 2 folders
Minutes and papers relating to research into housing problems. CO1005

2.2.1 POLICE AND CRIMINAL MATTERS

South African Constabulary: Original Correspondence
1902-08 8 volumes
Correspondence relating to police matters in South Africa. Registers of the papers are in CO639. CO526

Advisory Committee on the Treatment of Offenders in the Colonies
1880-1961 23 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committee and of various earlier bodies concerned with penal policy and administration. CO912

2.2.2 EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Colonial Higher Education Commission (Asquith Commission 1943-1944)
1943-44 3 files
Papers of the Commission appointed in 1943 to consider the principles which should guide the promotion of higher education, learning and research and the development of universities in the colonies. The Commission's report (Cmd.6647) was published in 1944. CO958

Advisory Committee on Education in the Colonies: Papers and Minutes
1941-61 42 folders
Minutes and papers of the Committee, first appointed in 1929 to advise on all matters relating to education. CO987

Advisory Committee on Colonial Colleges of Arts, Science and Technology: Minutes and Papers
1949-52 5 folders
Minutes and papers of the Committee, appointed in 1950 to advise on questions of technical and commercial education at the technical college level. CO995

Committee on Mass Education (Community Development): Minutes and Papers
1949-51 4 folders
Minutes and papers of the Committee, appointed in 1949 to consider policy and programmes, to encourage progress and to advise on the provision of specialist staff in the fields of mass education and community development. CO1000

2.2.3 MEDICAL SERVICES AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

Tsetse Fly and Trypanosomiasis Committee
1944-61 21 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committee, appointed in 1944 to consider and advise on the co-ordination of

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(continued) action, including research and reclamation, directed against human and animal trypanosomiasis. The class includes papers of the chemotherapy panel. CO902

Colonial Medical Research Committee
1945-60 19 volumes
Minutes and papers of the Committee, appointed in 1945 to direct research into medical problems in the colonies. Also included are papers of sub-committees dealing with subjects including nutrition, leprosy, malaria and helminthiasis. CO913

Colonial Advisory Medical Committee: Minutes and Papers
1940-52 5 folders
Minutes and papers of the Committee, first appointed in 1930 to advise on medical and sanitary questions. CO994

Committee on the Training of Nurses for the Colonies: Minutes and Papers
1943-45 5 folders
Minutes and papers of the Committee which advised on the training of nurses. CO998

2.3 DEFENCE AND MILITARY FORCES

West Africa Frontier Force: Original Correspondence
1898-1926 69 volumes
Correspondence relating to the defence of the British protectorates in West Africa. Registers of the papers are in the class CO581. For later papers see CO820. CO445

King's African Rifles: Original Correspondence
1905-26 57 volumes
Correspondence relating to the armed forces of the East African Dependencies. Registers of the correspondence are in the class CO623. Papers from 1927 onwards are in CO820. CO534

2.3 DEFENCE AND MILITARY FORCES

Military: Original Correspondence
1927-51 77 volumes and files
Files relating to various colonial forces. Registers of the files are in the class CO871. CO820

Defence: Original Correspondence
1941-52 201 boxes and files
Files dealing with all aspects of the defence of the colonies, including supplies and equipment. Registers of the files are in CO974. CO968

2.4 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND BROADCASTING

Public Relations and Information: Original Correspondence
1941-52 75 files
Papers relating to information policy and to the provision of broadcasting facilities in the colonies. Registers of the papers are in CO978. From 1952 see CO1027. CO875

Communications: Original Correspondence
1944-52 205 boxes and files
Records of the Communications Department. Subjects covered include road communications; telecommunications; mail services; transport; merchant shipping; meteorology; wireless and cable; and civil aviation. Registers of the correspondence are in CO973. CO937

Information Department: Original Correspondence
1952-56 46 files
Papers relating to information services and policy and to broadcasting. For earlier papers see CO875. CO1027

Appendix 1

Public Record Office Handbooks

1. Guide to Seals in the Public Record Office (2nd edn. 1968)
2. Domesday Rebound. Notes on the physical features and history of the Record (1954)
3. The Records of the Colonial and Dominions Offices (1964)
4. List of Cabinet Papers, 1880-1914 (1964)
5. Shakespeare in the Public Records (1964)
6. List of Papers of the Committee of Imperial Defence to 1914 (1964)
7. List of Documents Relating to the Household and Wardrobe, John to Edward I (1964)
8. List of Colonial Office Confidential Print, to 1916 (1965)
9. List of Cabinet Papers, 1915 and 1916 (1966)
10. Classes of Departmental Papers for 1906-1939 (1966)
11. The Records of the Cabinet Office to 1922 (1966)
12. The Records of the Forfeited Estates Commission (1968)
13. The Records of the Foreign Office, 1782-1939 (1969)
14. Records of Interest to Social Scientists 1919-1939: Introduction (1971)
15. The Second World War: A Guide to Documents in the Public Record Office (1972)
16. Records of Interest to Social Scientists: Unemployment Insurance 1911-1939 (1975)
17. The Cabinet Office to 1945 (1975)
18. Records of Interest to Social Scientists, 1919-1959: Employment and Unemployment (1978)
19. Tracing Your Ancestors in the Public Record Office (2nd edn. 1983)
20. Records of the General Eyre (1983)

These handbooks, like the Public Record Office Calendars, Guides and Lists and Indexes are published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office. Details of these publications are in the HMSO Catalogue of Government Publications Sectional List No.24, available from the Public Record Office, Government Bookshops and British Consulates and High Commissions.